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including an article recognizing the right of states to adopt special provisions for the protection of the marine environment in ice-covered waters thus providing important evidence of international acquiescence in Canada's Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act. Significant progress has been made in formulating a production ceiling formula designed to ensure a balanced development of both land-based and seabed sources of nickel. At the Geneva session, major progress was realized on other seabed mining issues as well as on the question of the right of access of landlocked and geographically disadvantaged states to the living resources of the exclusive economic zone and on a system of third party adjudication or arbitration of disputes arising out of the application of a law of the sea treaty.

What now remain are the most difficult issues, particularly with respect to the detailed aspects of the parallel system of mining deep seabed resources, and these matters are taking more time to resolve.

Priority in the work programme at the resumed Seventh session was given to aspects of the international system of deep seabed mining, protection of the marine environment, definition of the outer edge of the continental margin and boundary delimitation.

Committee I discussions on seabed issues can best be characterized as modest in terms of consensus achieved in specific areas but encouraging to some degree in view of the extent and depth of negotiations on a range of detailed seabed mining texts. At the political level, the most serious problem remains the serious rigidity of differences between the European Community and the Group of 77 on substantive issues. The Canadian delegation has urged the importance of maintaining the LOS negotiating process which has proved so effective to date and pointing out the serious consequences of an absence of a LOS treaty and of a Conference failure for North-South relations in particular and to the world community at large.

The most significant development in Committee I negotiations has been the presentation of a text on financial arrangements by the Chairman of Negotiating Group 2 (Koh/Singapore) which sets out figures for financial arrangements as between seabed operators and the International Authority. The texts contain basic provisions for a combined system of profit-sharing plus a deductible production charge. On a system of exploitation, the draft text presented by the Chairman of Negotiating Group One (Njenga/Kenya) on Annex II (contract granting system) of the ICNT contains few changes. This is largely the result of the difficult