

Kenya, Mr. Adede. I would like to congratulate the Co-Chairmen upon the valuable contribution which they have made to the work of the Conference. In short, Mr. President the Canadian Delegation is prepared to use your text as a basis for future negotiations upon the subject of dispute settlement. Moreover, we consider that it will be of great assistance in future deliberations concerning procedures appropriate to each element of the Convention.

Without, at this point, embarking upon detailed comments of the text, I would like to outline a few of Canada's fundamental objectives with respect to the compulsory settlement of disputes arising under the Law of the Sea Convention and relate them to the provisions of Part IV of the Single Negotiating Text as it now stands:

1. In establishing the system of compulsory dispute settlement there must be reciprocity between States. The system must be even-handed. It should not be open to States to impose compulsory adjudication on other states with respect to issues on which they are not prepared to be taken to court. It should not be open to States to insist on the right to litigate issues arising in the economic zone while refusing to litigate issues arising in such areas as international straits.