

It must be noted in passing that the link between the special procedures set out in Annex II and Article 6 of the Single Negotiating Text Part IV is unclear. We presume that the procedures in that Annex are set out largely for illustrative purposes. At the present time my Delegation does not consider that the procedures for arbitration by experts set out in Annex II would be appropriate as the principal means of resolving all disputes concerning fisheries, pollution and marine scientific research, although the advice of experts may be of great value in some circumstances. In considering the utility of special functional procedures we believe it necessary to ensure that such procedures are appropriate to the rights to be exercised by States and the problems with which they are designed to deal. In our view special procedures are no panacea and should not replace the comprehensive procedure as a general rule.

5. We note the provisions for appeals from the special procedures to the comprehensive procedures and for provisional measures at the inception of a dispute. We have questions as to the utility of these provisions. However, we are prepared to consider them with other delegations. With respect to the standing of parties to a dispute, as set out in Article 13, we have considerable difficulty