

could be better solved by arbitration whether of a purely judicial character or through recourse to expert advice on such issues, for example, as scientific research? For these reasons Canada would prefer to retain recourse to Arbitration and to the International Court of Justice as the basic procedures to exercise comprehensive jurisdiction. If however, a majority of States at the Conference clearly prefer the creation of a new tribunal of the type proposed, then we would be willing to work with other delegates to establish an appropriate institution.

4. We are prepared to envisage the inclusion of a number of special procedures in the Convention. The variety of issues dealt with by the Convention makes it necessary to tailor certain special procedures to deal with certain particular problems. These procedures can be either of a judicial character or designed to ensure the avoidance of disputes. At present, consideration is being given in Committee I to a judicial organ of the International Seabed Authority, and in Committee III to a special procedure to deal with disputes in the field of marine scientific research. A Continental Shelf Boundary Commission designed to avoid disputes as to the seaward limit of the continental margin is also under consideration. We believe that such special procedures could prove very useful.