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This CD-ROM contains a selection of the documents of the Law of the Sea Conferences convened under the auspices of the United Nations between 1968-1994. These were

- *Ad hoc* Committee to study the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the limits of National Jurisdiction (1968)
- Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Seabed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction (1969-73) (“the Seabed Committee”),
- Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (1973-82) (“UNCLOS III”)
- Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1982-1994)

The history of the negotiations leading to the adoption on 10 December 1982 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which established a comprehensive legal framework to regulate ocean space, its uses and resources, is reflected in the [documents](#) of these conferences. The significant events of the Law of the Sea Conferences are outlined in a [Chronology](#) provided.

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