

**Second Plenary Session**  
**Rio de Janeiro**  
**2 - 5 July 1996**

**IWCO/Inf. 8**

### **Four sessional Working Groups**

Further to the Draft Annotated provisional Agenda (IWCO/14 prov.), the Executive Committee has decided, in its third meeting on 1 July 1996 in Rio de Janeiro, to establish during the Second Plenary Session four sessional working groups. These working groups have the mandate, for the theme concerned, to identify:

- a. the major issues involved;
- b. the major available sources of information and expertise; and
- c. the major existing institutional limitations and potentials.

These four working groups concern the following themes (see IWCO/WP 8):

I The legal and institutional framework for the use and protection of the ocean

II Sovereignty, security and peaceful uses of the oceans

III Ocean economics in the context of sustainability

IV Promises and challenges of science and technology

These themes will be introduced (5-10 minutes) in the Plenary Session, on 2 July 1996 from 16.30 to 18.00 hours, by the following persons:

- I : Jean-Pierre Lévy
- II : Richard Falk
- III : Elisabeth Mann Borgese or Salvino Busuttil
- IV : Ulf Lie

After these short introductions there will be some 45 minutes available for their general debate.

The four working groups will have an open-ended composition and are envisaged to be held in the following manner:

Wednesday, 3 July 1996

09.00-11.00 III Ocean economics: room Azul

conveners/rapporteurs: Mann Borgese and Busuttil

participants: Abdulai, Al-Sudeary, Holt, Keckes, Ndiaye, and Suzuki

11.00-13.00 I Legal framework: room Azul

conveners/rapporteurs: de Macedo Soares and Yankov

participants: Al-Nauimi, Busuttil, Mann Borgese, and Lévy

09.30-12.30 II Sovereignty: room Leitura (next to Azul)

conveners/rapporteurs: Falk and Lubbers

participants: Costa Fernandes, Kendrew, Mills, Ruivo, Somavia, and Baptista Coelho

09.30-12.30 IV Science and technology: room Plenary

conveners/rapporteurs: Faleiro and Lie

participants: Ben Sari, Bridgewater, Solofa, and Su

The reports (short sets of recommendations) of the working groups will then be presented to and considered by the Commission in its Plenary meeting from 14.30 to 16.00 hours.

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**Documents**  
**Four sessional Working Groups**

The Four sessional Working Groups (IWCO/Inf. 8) have the following documents at their disposal:

I The legal and institutional framework for the use and protection of the ocean

Documents IWCO/WP 2  
IWCO/WP 6/A-B-C  
(+ IWCO/WP 8)

II Sovereignty, security and peaceful uses of the oceans

None  
(+ IWCO/WP 8)

III Ocean economics in the context of sustainability

IWCO/WP 3 (main document)  
IWCO/WP 7 (also)  
(+ IWCO/WP 8)

IV Promises and challenges of science and technology

IWCO/WP 4  
IWCO/WP 3 (also)  
(+ IWCO/WP 8)



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Dear Member of the Executive Committee,

Further to the documents which you found upon arrival in Rio de Janeiro or were sent to you by the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, please find enclosed the following documents:

- IWCO/15 Prov. : Report of the Plenary Session
- IWCO/Inf. 8 + Add.1 : Four sessional Working Groups and Documents
- IWCO/Inf.9 : Draft provisional Budget and Funding Plan 1995-1998
- IWCO/Inf. 10 Prov. : Résumés
- IWCO/WP 9 : Liability on Environmental Damage to Oceans
- IWCO/EC/4/Rev.2 : Draft Provisional Budget and Funding Plan 1995-1998
- IWCO/EC/10 Prov. : Report of the Executive Meeting
- IWCO/EC/Inf.7

One of the above documents is the Résumés as they have been changed on the basis of the reactions in Rio de Janeiro from José Israel Vargas, Yesufu Seyyid Abdulai, Najeeb Al-Nauimi, Driss Bensari, Peter Bridgewater, Salvino Busuttil, Sidney Holt, Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares, Alassane Dialy Ndiaye, Ezekia Solofa and Alexander Yankov.

Please check whether you now agree with your résumé. Could I ask at least those members of the Commission who were not listed before, to react by sending us their (revised) résumé ?

Yours sincerely, with best regards



Layashi Yaker  
Secretary General