

DRAFT MINUTES
OF THE
17TH SESSION OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL

Geneva, Switzerland
April 7, 1979

The Seventeenth Session of the Planning Council of the International Ocean Institute met at the Hotel Mon Repos in Geneva on April 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Elisabeth Mann Borgese, presiding

Jorge Castaneda
Arvid Pardo
Jacques Piccard
Christopher Pinto
Peter Serracino Inglott
Jan Van Ettinger
Joseph Warrioba
Alexander Yankov

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

Mario Ruivo
Zvonko Perisic for Anton Vratusa

Also present were:

Roger Vella Bonavita, Training Project Director
Jean Muller, Assistant to the Chairman

The following agenda had been circulated previously:

- I. Adoption of agenda
- II. Adoption of minutes
- III. Present status of Training Project
 - A. Scope
 - B. National contributions to scholarship program
 - C. Other financial prospects
 - D. Course structure and teaching staff
 - E. Composition of steering committee
- IV. Possibility of institutional support from a number of countries
- V. Other business

Item I: Adoption of Agenda

Two points were added to the provisional agenda: Item IV was enlarged to include "consideration of the over-all situation of the IOI in Malta and Item V was changed to "Pacem in Maribus X," making "Other business" Item VI. With these additions, the agenda was adopted.

Item II: Adoption of minutes

Jan Van Ettinger noted that presentation of the ACP project to the EEC by Jan Tinbergen took place after rather than before the last Council meeting and that the final paragraph of page 4 of the minutes should be corrected accordingly.

Roger Vella Bonavita noted that the IOI grant for the summer school was for \$2000 rather than \$3000 and that the second to last paragraph on page 4 of the minutes should be corrected accordingly.

With these two corrections, the minutes were adopted.

Two additional observations were made with regard to the decisions of the last Council meeting:

1. It was decided that Edwin Borg Costanzi and Elisabeth Mann Borgese were to be added to the membership of the financial committee.
2. It was recommended that a full-time Director for the IOI should be appointed as soon as possible.

Item III: Present status of training project

There appeared to be general agreement that the scope of the project should be wider rather than narrower. A program on resource management would be more useful than one strictly preparing personnel for a Seabed Authority which did not yet exist. It also was suggested that the program should be kept away from the politicizing atmosphere of the Law of the Sea Conference and that its usefulness does not at all depend on the outcome of that Conference. The direct importance of expertise in nodule mining to developing countries was seriously questioned. It was pointed out that there existed a number of programs for the teaching of technical and technological aspects of ocean management but that the IOI program should be different in that it should include the discussion of principles, of the more philosophical aspects of the new order in the oceans and its ideological implications. While it was obvious that a pool of experts was needed in the developing countries, the program should be policy-oriented.

It was also stressed that there would be great advantages if a program to train for participation by developing countries in future international ocean management organizations could emanate from the U.N. family of organization directly, e.g., from the U.N. University. To initiate such a program within the U.N. would require the moving of cumbersome machinery which would take much time. So there was a real gap to fill and a useful role to play

for the IOI. But was this the real role for the IOI? Or was that role not to "spark off ideas" as the IOI had done on so many other occasions? The attempt to get the training project off the ground would at any rate be worthwhile and had already given a powerful impulse to the U.N. to start moving in this direction.

One participant pointed out that training in marine geological sciences was badly neglected within the U.N. system and that there was a real gap. Another participant stressed that it was not possible to keep the program separated from the Law of the Sea Conference, but the main thing was to get the program financed and get it going. A start should be made. Then all the questions that had been raised would solve themselves.

Summing up, the Chairman pointed out that the original scope of the program had indeed been to take up training in seabed mining in an interdisciplinary way and broad context because the U.N. at present did not have the infrastructure to initiate this training in a useful time. If, however, there was a demand by developing countries for training in other aspects of ocean and EEZ management, the program could easily be adapted to this need.

With regard to the financial aspects of the program, the Chairman pointed out that the Canadian grant was still pending and a final decision was due immediately upon the conclusion of this session of the LoS Conference. In the meantime, contributions to the scholarship program had been solicited from the Commonwealth Secretariat, the EEC, the Governments of the Netherlands, Sweden, the Federal Republic of Germany, and that a substantial grant was expected from the Red Sea Commission in June.

A number of prospective teachers had been contacted and already agreed in principle to participate in the course. The Foreign Ministries of all developing countries had been requested to nominate course participants. A steering committee to assist the Project Director with programming and staffing was being formed, and the list of members would be proposed to the Planning Council in the near future.

Item IV: Possibility of institutional support from other countries and over-all situation of the IOI in Malta

A proposed budget prepared by the Financial Committee is attached in Annex I. A minimum budget must be assured and consists of two components: the basic contribution in kind by the Government of Malta and regular (for three or five year periods) institutional grants from sympathetic Governments for general program support. These could be solicited on the basis of the over-all role of the IOI, the Pacem in Maribus conferences, the role the IOI could play in the post-Conference period in developing new ideas for the restructuring of the institutional network dealing with ocean management and, above all, on the basis of the Ocean Yearbook. To obtain, on this basis, the support of eight to ten countries appeared to be quite realistic. Some countries, in fact, had already indicated their readiness to contribute.

A second source of income were individual projects in the field of research or training. An overhead of ten percent should be charged on all project grants. These overheads, however, should not be included in the minimum budget. They would be absorbed by the additional staff required in connection with the projects.

It was suggested that a large number of copies of the Yearbook should be made available during the forthcoming session of the LoS Conference in New York.

Item V: Pacem in Maribus X

The positive reaction of the Government of Cyprus was gratefully acknowledged.

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The main subject for Pacem in Maribus X, it was suggested, should be the problem of surveillance of economic zones of developing countries and the possibilities of regional cooperation to this effect, the establishment of multi-purpose monitoring systems for the monitoring of living resources, the environment, the enforcement of national legislation or the interferences with national sovereignty. These were questions which would become very important over the next decade and on which the IOI could do some pioneering work. Since the subject was very complex, the cooperation of other institutions should be invited, in particular, of UNEP, SIPRI, and IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature). A preparatory seminar should be held, probably in Lisbon, to prepare the technical background for the wider PIM Conference. A special ~~grant~~, applying the conclusions of this seminar to the special situation in the Mediterranean should be added for PIM X.

The financing of PIM X would have two components: local expenditures (hotels, conference facilities, local transportation, etc.) which would all be borne by the Government of Cyprus, and travel expenses, for which special funds would be raised, e.g., from the Commonwealth Secretariat, IDRC, partly with the help of the Government of Cyprus.

A PIM X working group should be established to assist the Chairman of the Planning Council in the preparation and organization of this conference. This group should consist of Roger Vella Bonavita (organization), Mario Ruivo (program), plus the financial committee for fund-raising.

Item VI: Other business

The addition of Jan Van Ettinger to the membership of the Planning Council was unanimously confirmed.

There being no other business, the Planning Council adjourned at 5:10 p.m.