Agenda item 3: Election of Vice-Presidents and other officers of the Conference

1. The Conference decided to postpone the election of the Vice-Presidents pending the conclusion of consultations among delegations on the matter.

2. The Conference elected by acclamation Mr. Philippe Kirsch of Canada, as the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

3. The Conference decided that the Committee of the Whole shall, itself, elect the three Vice-Chairmen provided for in the Rules of Procedure.

4. The Conference elected by acclamation, Mr. Ahmed Abdulkheir of Egypt, as Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

5. The Conference decided that the Drafting Committee shall elect its own Vice-Chairman.

Agenda item 4: Appointment of the Credentials Committee

The Conference decided, on the proposal of the President, to appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of the delegations of:

BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GHANA AND HONDURAS.
Agenda item 5: Organization of the work of the Conference, including the establishment of other Committees, as necessary

1. The Conference decided to establish a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE open to all accredited delegations as well as observers.

2. The Conference referred to the Committee of the Whole consideration of the draft articles for a CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION and the draft articles for a PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, together with all the comments, observations and proposals relating thereto, contained in the relevant documentation of the Conference.

3. The Conference established a Drafting Committee composed of the following delegations: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, CHINA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, JAPAN, KENYA, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES, SPAIN, SWEDEN, THE USSR, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

   The Drafting Committee was requested to undertake its mandate in accordance with rule 45 of the Rules of Procedure.

4. The Conference agreed to adopt the organization of work, as proposed in document SUA/CONF/11. The Conference also adopted the plan of work and meeting schedule suggested in the annex to document SUA/CONF/11. It was emphasized that the work plan was to be considered as a flexible arrangement which was subject to modification as necessary, in the light of developments in the work of the Conference and its Committees. In particular, the Conference noted that the Drafting Committee might be convened before Friday, 4 March, depending on the progress of work in the Committee of the Whole.