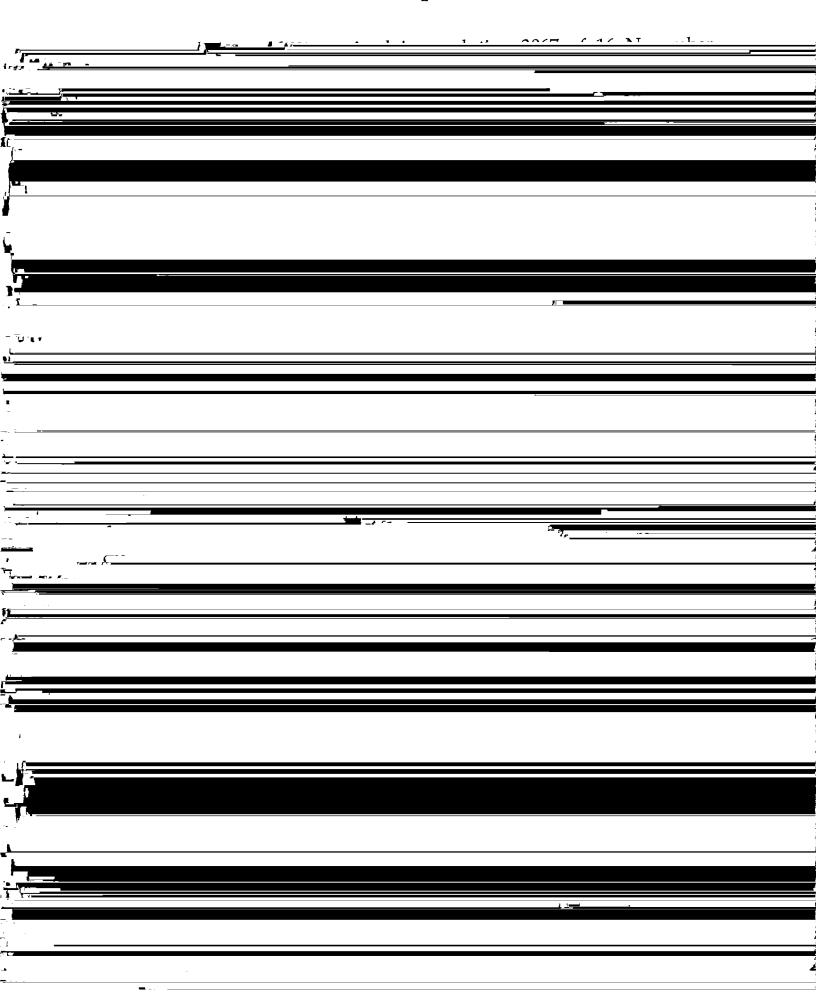
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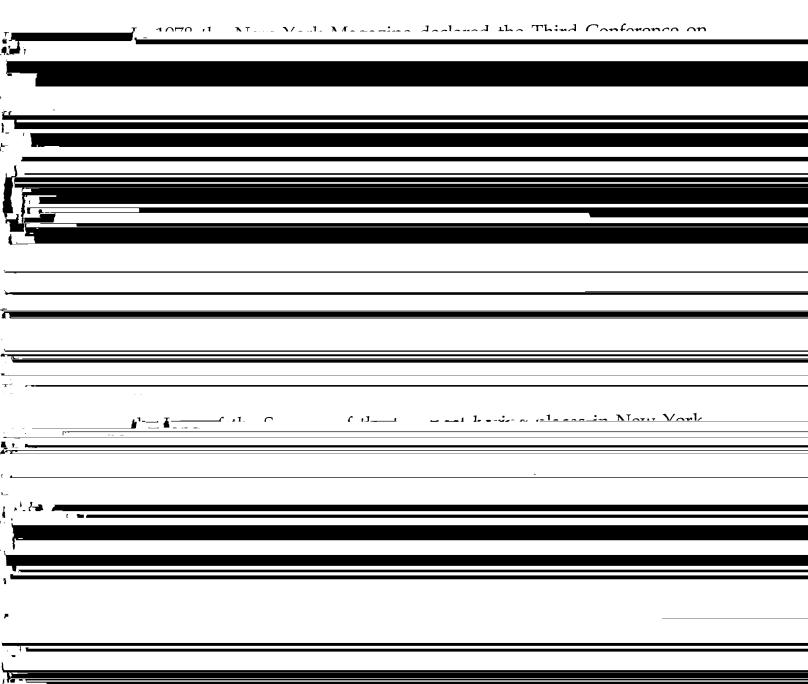
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uninterrupted informal consultations and negotiations took place during the periods between sessions.

There were moments in which the Conference seemed not to move forward. Some people doubted that such a gigantic task of agreeing upon a legal statute for the seas could ever be accomplished. Some others suggested that it might be better to reduce the aspirations and settle for a convention that could regulate those traditional aspects in the law of the sea in which there were real possibilities of reaching an agreement.



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protection of human rights, international crimes, special legal régimes over spaces and resources. Activities carried out in the outer space have been declared to be the province of all mankind; mankind

But never before the Convention has mankind been recognized as the holder of specific economic rights and been provided with the institutional means to implement those rights. "All the rights in the resources of the Area, says the Convention, are vested in mankind as a whole, and the exploitation of those resources shall be carried out for its benefit"

The representation of mankind by the Authority has taken us from

the principle of sovereign equality of States, and with an Assembly, a Council and a Secretariat, in addition to the Enterprise.

Nevertheless, three innovative or curious features of the Authority deserve to be mentioned here. The first is the composition of the The third innovative feature relates also to the procedures for settlement of disputes with respect to the activities in the Area. Entities other than States are allowed to participate in these procedures. In general States are opposed to, or are reluctant to accept, the participation of individuals or other non-States subjects in the procedures for the cottlement of disputes before international

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resources. "What the Conference may wish to consider is to encourage the international community to pursue effective implementation of the existing international instruments"

