



**Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Opening for Signature of the  
1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

**Fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly  
9 - 10 December 2002**

**Programme**

**Monday, 9 December 2002**

10 am - 1 pm **General Assembly Hall** (Commemorative Meeting)

Opening of the Commemorative Meeting by the President of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly

**Informal Panels**  
(ECOSOC and Trusteeship Council Chambers)  
(in parallel)

3 – 6 p.m. Topic: **The Dynamism of the Convention: Challenges for the Present and Solutions for the Future**

The topic is composed of six parts, which in turn will be divided equally into two panels, as follows:

**PANEL I**

- I. The International Seabed Authority: an institution to manage the “common heritage of mankind”
- II. Limits in the seas: the need to establish secure maritime boundaries
- III. Settlement of disputes: a linchpin of the Convention

**PANEL II**

- IV. Implementation of the Convention: the challenge to ensure the effectiveness of its rules (role of non-States actors/regional approach)
- V. Emerging concepts for the development and strengthening of the legal regime for the oceans (ecosystem-based approach, marine protected areas and oceans stewardship)
- VI. Tools for change: the amendment procedure

6.30 – 8.30 p.m. **Reception** (Visitor’s Lobby – 46th Street and 1st Avenue)



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