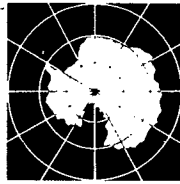


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This report is presented in accordance with paragraph 2(a) of Recommendation XIII-2 adopted at Brussels.

2 The first session of the Fourth Special Consultative Meeting on Antarctic Minerals was held in Wellington, New Zealand from 14 to 25 June 1982, in accordance with Recommendation XI-I adopted at Buenos Aires, Argentina. Since then a further nine negotiating sessions, mostly informal, have been held.

3 The most recent session was held at Montevideo from 11 to 20 May 1987. As at previous sessions of the negotiations, the bulk of the work was carried out in working groups. Mr Rolf Andersen of Norway continued to chair the working group charged with examining the functioning of the minerals regime should the stage of exploration and development ever be reached, and the requirement that the fundamental environmental principles on which the regime is based are given full effect at all stages of any activity.

4 A second Working Group, chaired by Mr Ruediger Wolfrum of the Federal Republic of Germany continued its work on the legal aspects of the minerals regime. At Montevideo it concentrated on the questions of liability for damage, particularly to the Antarctic environment, and the elaboration of procedures for the settlement of disputes.

5 The Chairman held informal discussions on the key institutional issues, including the composition and functions of the various organs of the regime.

6 It was the view of all participants that very substantial progress had been made at the Montevideo meeting. Accordingly, it was decided by the participants that a final session of the Special Consultative Meeting should be held in Wellington, New Zealand in the first half of 1988 in order to adopt a Convention. It was also decided that the Chairman should conduct consultations to fix precise dates for the final session and to establish a schedule for the necessary preparatory work, including the establishment of a drafting committee.