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**UNITED NATIONS  
and  
JAMAICA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement regarding the financing of the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 5 March 1983**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 5 March 1983.*

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**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES  
et  
JAMAÏQUE**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif au financement des frais de la Commission préparatoire de l'Autorité internationale des fonds marins et du Tribunal international du droit de la mer. New York, 5 mars 1983**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré d'office le 5 mars 1983.*

# EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA REGARDING THE FINANCING AND THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SEA-BED AUTHORITY AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

## I

5 March 1983

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 17 February 1983, addressed to the Secretary-General by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica, and the reply of the Secretary-General, dated 24 February 1983, regarding arrangements for the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the establishment in Jamaica of an Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea. I also have the honour to refer to the consultations held both in New York and Kingston on the same subject and to the provisions made by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session for the financing of the Preparatory Commission.

Within the foregoing context, I would propose that the United Nations and the Government of Jamaica should agree as follows:

1. As proposed by the United Nations Controller in his letter to the Permanent Representative of Jamaica of 4 February 1983, and as endorsed by the Secretary-General in his letter of 24 February referred to above, the \$125,000 made available to the Secretary-General by the General Assembly will be provided to the Government of Jamaica for the use and occupancy of the conference complex (comprising the conference building and the interconnecting floor of the office building) during the first session of the Preparatory Commission. The effective dates for the use and occupancy of the conference complex for the first session of the Preparatory Commission shall be from 7 March to 18 April, with a possible extension of two weeks.

2. On the basis of detailed and accurate information to be provided by the Government, and in the light of experience gained during the opening weeks of the session, the Government and the Secretary-General will enter into negotiations in order to arrive at an agreement regarding the nature and level of services and resulting rates for the operating costs of the conference complex and the costs of occupancy of the office space to be utilized by the Kingston office of the Special Representative. This office space will consist initially of approximately 15,000 square feet and shall be occupied by the Kingston office of the Special Representative as of the day following on the conclusion of the first session of the Preparatory Commission. The rates arrived at pursuant to this paragraph shall be applied, subject to ACABQ concurrence, to future use of the complex and of the office space and will be submitted to ACABQ at its spring session. The negotiations between the Government and the Secretary-General and the submission to the ACABQ will take into account, *inter alia*,

(a) Costs related to the occupancy of the office space by the Secretariat (including utilities and maintenance);

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 March 1983 by the exchange of the said letters.

- (b) Operational costs of the conference complex, including,
- i) Building maintenance services
  - ii) Utility costs, including water, electricity
  - iii) Cooking gas and basic telephone rental
  - iiii) Maintenance of the fire equipment and fire detection system
  - v) Maintenance and repair of elevators
  - vi) Maintenance and repair of electronic equipment
  - vii) Maintenance and repair of kitchen equipment
  - viii) Security services
  - ix) Pest control.

The parties hereto recognize that any additional financing required as a result of the negotiations between the Government and the Secretary-General, including the determination of the rates for the conference complex and the office space, shall be subject to the approval of the ACABQ and accordingly no contractual obligations shall arise before such approval is obtained. The rates shall apply from the day following on the conclusion of the first session of the Preparatory Commission and shall remain in effect at least until 31 December 1983.

3. An Agreement relating to the establishment in Jamaica of an office of the special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea for the purpose of servicing the Preparatory Commission shall be signed upon the conclusion of the present exchange of letters. The Kingston office of the Special Representative will be established as of 7 March 1983.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I have the honour to propose that the present letter and your reply shall constitute an agreement between the United Nations and the Government.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

BERNARDO ZULETA  
Special Representative of the Secretary-General  
for the Law of the Sea

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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary  
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New York, N. Y.

## II

PERMANENT MISSION OF JAMAICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

5 March 1983

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of today's date regarding arrangements for the Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and the establishment in Jamaica of an Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Law of the Sea.

I am pleased to inform you that the proposals contained in your letter are acceptable to my Government and that, consequently, your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government and the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

K. O. RATTRAY  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary

His Excellency Dr. Bernardo Zuleta  
Special Representative of the Secretary-General  
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