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Report of the second formal session of the Special Con-
sultative Meeting on Antarctic Mineral Resources, Bonn,
11. - 22. July 1983

1. In accordance with Recommendation XI-1 of the Eleventh Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting of 1981 and in pursuance of meetings held in June 1982 and in January 1983 in Wellington, representatives of the Consultative Parties (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Republic of South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America) met in Bonn from 11 - 22 July 1983 for the second formal session of the Special Consultative Meeting on Antarctic Mineral Resources.
2. The session was formally opened by Dr. Alois Mertes, Minister of State at the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany.
3. Ambassador E.F. Jung, Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany, was elected Chairman of the Meeting. Mr. W. Schmitz, of the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, was appointed Secretary-General. The personnel of the Secretary was introduced.
4. The session endorsed the following agenda:
 1. Opening of the session
 2. Election of officers
 3. Adoption of the agenda
 4. The elaboration of a regime on Antarctic mineral resources

5. The form of the regime on Antarctic mineral resources
6. Schedule for future negotiations
7. Other business
8. Adoption of the final report of the session

5. The meeting then proceeded to discuss item 4 of the agenda, the elaboration of a regime on Antarctic mineral resources, in Plenary session. Starting point of the discussions was the "Personal Report" submitted by the Chairman of the Wellington meetings, Mr. C.D. Beeby, Head of the New Zealand delegation.
6. It was decided to set up an informal working group for discussions of document ANT (83) MR/17 (now under reference ANT 83/IV SCM 2nd Sess./2) which would not change its status and that discussions should start with key issues by groups of articles. Mr. Beeby was appointed Chairman of this working group which would report to the Plenary as needed or on request. In addition, a contact group on environmental matters under the chairmanship of Dr. J.A. Heap of the British delegation, and after his early departure, of Dr. Robert Rutford of the delegation of the United States of America, was set up. Later on, a second contact group on definitions under the chairmanship of Mr.D.J.Guppy of the Australian delegation was established. It was decided that the contact groups might report to the Plenary directly.

7. The working group continued the discussions of document ANT 83/IV SCM 2nd Sess./2. There were also discussions of working papers submitted by delegations.
8. The working group and both contact groups reported on the progress of their work in Plenary session.
9. The form of a regime on Antarctic mineral resources was discussed. There was the general view that the question needed further discussion and had to be settled later.
10. The second report from the SCAR Group of Specialists (AELMEE), prepared by SCAR in response to requests to SCAR from the Consultative Parties, as contained in Recommendations X and XI, was distributed at the meeting.
11. Delegations found it important and advisable to continue the work of the Meeting by way of continued future discussion in the working group under the chairmanship of Mr. C. D. Beeby. There was a general view that January 1984 was an appropriate time to reconvene the Working Group. The exact dates and places of the next meeting of the Working Group as well as the next round of the negotiations will be determined not later than September of this year through diplomatic channels.
12. Representatives expressed their appreciation to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for its hospitality, and for what they called the excellent organisation of the meeting.