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## Overview of UNCLOS

Gaining an understanding of the 1982-adopted United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) is crucial for comprehending the prison framework governing maritime affairs globally.

Such is the viewpoint expressed by Legal Service India *E-Journal* contributor Anurag Singh, in an article simply titled “Understanding the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea”, within which he addressed the subject under the topics of:

- the history behind UNCLOS
- key concepts of UNCLOS: navigating the maritime zones
- the importance of UNCLOS
- fostering peace and security
- protecting the marine environment
- equitable distribution of marine resources

Mr Singh stated that the convention, which is often referred to as the “charter for the oceans”, codifies the rights and obligations of countries regarding the use of the sector’s oceans and seas.

“The convention establishes rules on territorial seas, distinctive financial zones, continental cabinets, navigation rights and various other components related to maritime jurisdiction,” he wrote.

“It also addresses issues consisting of marine environmental safety, scientific studies, marine sources exploitation and settlement of disputes.

“UNCLOS serves as a cornerstone for global maritime regulation, providing a complete framework for the peaceful and equitable use of ocean assets while promoting co-operation among countries.

“Its knowledge is crucial for policymakers, prison specialists and stakeholders involved in maritime affairs to make sure sustainable improvement, environmental safety, and non-violent decision of disputes within the international’s oceans and seas.”

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