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USES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN  
FLOOR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL  
JURISDICTION

NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In addition to the replies of Member Governments under operative paragraph 3 (a) of General Assembly resolution 2340 (XXII), communicated to the Ad Hoc Committee in document A/AC.135/1 and Add.1, 2, 3 and 4, the Secretary-General has now received a reply from the Government of Guatemala.

The substantive part of this reply is reproduced in the present document.

GUATEMALA

[Original: Spanish]  
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... I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Guatemala agrees with the idea of the study to be undertaken by the Ad Hoc Committee and recommends, at the same time, that the study should be extended to include surveys of the resources of the continental shelf and the superjacent waters in areas as yet undeveloped, even though this does not form part of the subject in question.

Lastly, it is suggested that the Ad Hoc Committee should take into account the Convention on the Continental Shelf, signed at Geneva in 1958, because the Convention leaves open the matter of the exploitation of the resources of the continental shelf beyond the depth of 200 metres if the coastal State is in a position to undertake such exploitation.

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