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AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE PEACEFUL
USES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN
FLOOR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL
JURISDICTION

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: draft resolution on the
prohibition of the use of the sea-bed and the ocean floor
beyond the limits of territorial waters for military purposes

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2340 (XXII) in which it referred to the importance of preserving the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, from actions and uses which might be detrimental to the common interests of mankind, and recognized that the exploration and use of those areas should be conducted in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and for the benefit of all mankind,

Recognizing the need to take steps to prevent the arms race from spreading to the sea-bed and the ocean floor,

1. Solemnly calls upon all States to use the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of the territorial waters of coastal States exclusively for peaceful purposes;

2. Requests the Eighteen-Nation Committee on Disarmament to consider, as an urgent matter, the question of prohibiting the use for military purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of the territorial waters of coastal States.
