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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

United Republic of Tanzania: amendments to the draft resolution
submitted by the United States of America (A/AC.135/24)

Replace preambular paragraph 1 by the following paragraph:

Recalling the preamble of its resolution 2340 (XXII) on the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and ocean floor, beyond present national jurisdiction, in which it was especially stated that "mindful also of the importance of preserving the sea-bed and ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, as contemplated in the title of the item, from actions and uses which might be detrimental to the common interests of mankind".

Add an operative paragraph as follows as operative paragraph 1:

1. Declares that the sea-bed and the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond present national jurisdiction, should not be used by any State or States for any military purposes whatsoever.

Substitute operative paragraph 1 with the following paragraph which will become operative paragraph 2:

2. Requests the UNDC to consider, as a matter of urgency, the question of (a) banning the use of sea-bed and ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction by nuclear submarines; (b) banning of military fortifications and missile bases on the sea-bed and ocean-floor.
