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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

ICELAND: Proposed draft resolution on a
study of means for minimizing the danger
of pollution of the marine environment
which might arise from the exploration and
exploitation of the sea-bed and ocean floor
and the subsoil thereof

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that it is in the common interest of all nations
that the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-
bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, should be con-
ducted in such a manner as to avoid infringement of the other in-
terests and established rights of nations with respect to the uses
of the high seas,

Mindful of the threat to the marine environment presented by
pollution which might result from exploration and exploitation of
the areas under consideration,

Desiring to assure satisfactory measures of prevention and
control of such pollution and to allay the serious damage which
might be caused to the marine environment and, in particular, to
the living marine resources which constitute one of mankind's most
valuable food resources,

Noting the complex problem of assuring effective coordination
in the wide field of environmental pollution and in the more
specific area of prevention and control of marine pollution,

4. Requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the appropriate and competent body or bodies presently undertaking coordinated work in the field of marine pollution control the study referred to in paragraphs 2. and 3. above and to request a report thereon for the guidance of the General Assembly.
