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## COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION

### DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION

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#### Committee (plenary meetings)

1. General debate
2. Consideration of the report of the Legal Sub-Committee
3. Consideration of the report of the Economic and Technical Sub-Committee
4. Preparation of the Committee's report to the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly

#### Legal Sub-Committee

1. Elaboration of the legal principles and norms which would promote international co-operation in the exploration and use of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and ensure the exploitation of their resources for the benefit of mankind, and the question of the economic and other requirements which such a régime should satisfy in order to meet the interests of humanity as a whole (operative paragraph 2 (a)), and the question of the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor (operative paragraph 3).
2. The legal aspects of ways and means of promoting the exploitation and use of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, and international co-operation to that end, taking into account the foreseeable development of technology and the economic implications of such

exploitation and bearing in mind the fact that such exploitation should benefit mankind as a whole (operative paragraph 2 (b)).

3. The legal aspects of the review of the studies carried out in the field of exploration of and research into the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and aimed at intensifying international co-operation and stimulating the exchange and the widest possible dissemination of scientific knowledge on the subject (operative paragraph 2 (c)).

4. The legal aspects of the proposed measures of co-operation to be adopted by the international community in order to prevent the marine pollution which may result from the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (operative paragraph 2 (d)).

5. Preparation of the Sub-Committee's report to the Committee.

#### Economic and Technical Sub-Committee

1. Ways and means of promoting the exploitation and use of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, and international co-operation to that end, taking into account the foreseeable development of technology and the economic implications of such exploitation and bearing in mind the fact that such exploitation should benefit mankind as a whole (operative paragraph 2 (b)).

2. The economic and technical aspects of operative paragraph 2 (a) of General Assembly resolution 2467 A (XXIII).

3. The economic and technical aspects of operative paragraph 2 (c) of General Assembly resolution 2467 A (XXIII).

4. The economic and technical aspects of operative paragraph 2 (d) of General Assembly resolution 2467 A (XXIII).

5. Preparation of the Sub-Committee's report to the Committee.