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submitted by the Delegation of the People's Republic of
Bulgaria concerning the List of Subjects and Issues
relating to the Law of the Sea

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2750 C (XXV), paragraphs 2 and 6, and under the terms of the "Agreement on Organization of Work" adopted by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the limits of National Jurisdiction on 12 March 1971 (A/AC.138/SR.45), Sub-Committee II was requested to prepare a comprehensive list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea and to elaborate draft articles on such subjects and issues.

Following the suggestions contained in its statement of 18 March 1971 (A/AC.138/SR.51) the delegation of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has the honour to propose for discussion and inclusion in the list of subjects and issues the following :

1. The question of the maximum breadth of the territorial sea;
2. The question of fishing and conservation of living resources in areas adjacent to the territorial sea;
3. The question of freedom of passage through, and flight over international straits which are within the territorial sea of a coastal State (or States);
4. The question of determining the outer limits of the continental shelf;
5. The question of the measures to be taken in order to provide for the accession to the Geneva Conventions on the Law of the Sea of 1958 by any State, irrespective of its membership of the United Nations or of a Specialized Agency.

The list is designed to enable the Sub-Committee to proceed with its work without undue delay. The subjects listed are, therefore, formulated in broad and flexible terms, so as to provide a basis for productive consideration by the Sub-Committee and the drafting of articles, without prejudice to the substance of the issues involved. The list is comprehensive, in the sense of covering all the main issues, but not necessarily exhaustive as regards the detailed aspects or issues into which those issues might be divided. The order of the subjects contained in the list reflects the logical and legal connexion between them and does not necessarily constitute any kind of priority.