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SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE
LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION

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Turkey: Proposal to include a
question in the list of subjects

The delegation of Turkey proposes the inclusion of the following item in the list of questions which are to be considered by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction and concerning which draft articles and conventions are to be prepared with a view to recommendation to the next conference on the law of the sea:

"Relationship of the draft articles and conventions prepared in pursuance of resolution 2750 C (XXV) to, and their effects on, the 1958 Conventions on the Law of the Sea."

Commentary: By resolution 2750 C (XXV), the United Nations General Assembly requested the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction to examine a series of questions relating not only to the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the sub-soil thereof, but also to the law of the sea. Most of those questions have been the object of previous work and decisions on the part of the United Nations, including the adoption of the four 1958 Conventions on the Law of the Sea. At the Committee's first session of 1971 many delegations stressed the place occupied by those Conventions in positive public international law. Proposals already presented by delegations on the subjects considered by the Committee are, however, directly related to the above-mentioned Conventions both as to form and as to substance. The Committee should therefore consider at a suitable stage both the effects of the new international instruments to be prepared on the 1958 Conventions and the advisability of incorporating them, where appropriate, in those Conventions.