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

List of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea to be submitted to the Conference on the Law of the Sea sponsored by Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zaire

Explanatory note

The present list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea has been prepared in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2750 C (XXV).

The list is not necessarily complete nor does it establish the order of priority for consideration of the various subjects and issues.

Since the list has been prepared following a comprehensive approach and attempts to embrace a wide range of possibilities, sponsorship or acceptance of the list does not prejudice the position of any State or commit any State with respect to the items on it or to the order, form or classification according to which they are presented.

Consequently the list should serve as a framework for discussion and drafting of necessary articles.

List of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea

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 - 1.1 Nature and characteristics
 - 1.2 International machinery: structure, functions, powers
 - 1.3 Economic implications
 - 1.4 Equitable sharing of benefits bearing in mind the special interests and needs of the developing countries, whether coastal or land-locked
 - 1.5 Definition and limits of the area^{1/}
 - 1.6 Use exclusively for peaceful purposes
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 - 2.1 Nature and characteristics, including the question of the unity or plurality of régimes in the territorial sea
 - 2.2 Historic waters
 - 2.3 Limits
 - 2.3.1 Question of the delimitation of the territorial sea; various aspects involved
 - 2.3.2 Breadth of the territorial sea. Global or regional criteria. Open seas and oceans, semi-enclosed seas and enclosed seas
 - 2.4 Innocent passage in the territorial sea
 - 2.5 Freedom of navigation and overflight resulting from the question of plurality of régimes in the territorial sea
3. Contiguous zone
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 - 3.2 Limits
 - 3.3 Rights of coastal States with regard to national security, customs and fiscal control, sanitation and immigration regulations
4. Straits used for international navigation
 - 4.1 Innocent passage
 - 4.2 Other related matters including the question of the right of transit

^{1/} To be considered in the light of the procedural agreement as set out in paragraph 22 of the report of the Committee (A/8421).

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 - (b) Other related matters.
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