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

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

PROPOSALS BY THE CHAIRMAN PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT
REACHED AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 1969

ALLOCATION OF SUBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS COVERED BY RESOLUTIONS 2467 A, B, C AND
D (XXIII) AND 2414 (XXIII)

There is no order of priority nor any question of interpretation implied or
contemplated in the proposed allocation.

MAIN COMMITTEE

- (i) (a) Operative paragraph 2 (c) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) - To review the studies carried out in the field of exploration and research in this area and aimed at intensifying international co-operation and stimulating the exchange and the widest possible dissemination of scientific knowledge on the subject.
- (b) Consideration of the report submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2467 D (XXIII) regarding the International Decade of Ocean Exploration.
- (ii) (a) Operative paragraph 2 (d) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) - To examine 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 this area.
- (b) Consideration of the report submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2467 B (XXIII) regarding marine pollution.

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- (iii) Operative paragraph 3 of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) - To study further, within the context of the title of the item, and taking into account the studies and international negotiations being undertaken in the field of disarmament, the reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor without prejudice to the limits which may be agreed upon in this respect.
- (iv) Political implications of operative paragraphs 2 (a) and 2 (b) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) and of all other questions mentioned in the terms of reference of the Committee as contained in resolution 2467 A (XXIII).
- (v) Consideration of the report submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 2467 C (XXIII) regarding international machinery.
- (vi) To consider the reports of the two Sub-Committees.
- (vii) To make recommendations to the General Assembly on the questions mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) as required by operative paragraph 4 (b) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII).
- (viii) To adopt its report for submission to the General Assembly as required by operative paragraph 4 (c) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII).

LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE

- (i) Operative paragraph 2 (a) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) - To study the elaboration of legal principles and norms which would promote international co-operation in the exploration and use of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and ensure the exploitation of their resources for the benefit of mankind, having regard to the economic and other requirements which such a régime should satisfy in order to meet the interests of humanity as a whole.
- (ii) Legal implication of -
 - (a) all other questions mentioned in the terms of reference of the Committee as contained in resolution 2467 A (XXIII); and
 - (b) the reports submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions 2467 B, C and D (XXIII) and 2414 (XXIII).

ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

- (i) Economic and technical requirements which such a régime as is referred to in operative paragraph 2 (a) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) should satisfy in order to meet the interests of humanity as a whole.
- (ii) Operative paragraph 2 (b) of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) - To study the ways and means of promoting the exploitation and use of the resources of this area, and of 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.
- (iii) Economic and technical implications of -
 - (a) all other questions mentioned in the terms of reference of the Committee as contained in resolution 2467 A (XXIII); and
 - (b) the reports submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions 2467 B, C and D (XXIII) and 2414 (XXIII).

Each Sub-Committee is also required to prepare and adopt its report, containing its recommendations, for submission to the Main Committee.

2. Second session: The Chairman proposes that at this - its second session - the Committee start its proceedings by taking a decision on his proposals regarding the organization of its work and that immediately thereafter the two Sub-Committees should begin to function.
3. The Sub-Committees will make suitable arrangements for their meetings so as to avoid meeting concurrently. They will be free to determine their order of business. As far as co-ordination between the two Sub-Committees is concerned, it may be difficult to avoid some overlapping. Since such co-ordination would appropriately be the responsibility of the Committee itself, the Chairman of the Committee will, as occasion demands, hold consultations with the Chairman of the two Sub-Committees in the Bureau of the Committee in order to resolve any problems that may arise.
4. The Chairman will provide a suitable opportunity for general statements to be made. He would appeal to speakers, in making these statements, kindly to bear in mind the fact that discussions on certain aspects of the question will take place in the Sub-Committees.

5. The Committee desires that the documentation necessary for useful discussion and preparation of recommendations on the subjects allocated to the Main Committee be made available in time for the third session.
