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REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE I

I. BACKGROUND

A. Work of the Sub-Committee in 1971

1. Sub-Committee I was one of three sub-committees of the whole set up in accordance with an agreement reached on the organization of work of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction during its session in March 1971. Under the terms of the agreement read out by the Chairman of the Committee at its 45th meeting, on 12 March, the following subjects and functions were allocated to Sub-Committee I:

"To prepare draft treaty articles embodying the international régime - including an international machinery - for the area and the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, taking into account the equitable sharing by all States in the benefits to be derived therefrom, bearing in mind the special interests and needs of developing countries, whether coastal or land-locked, on the basis of the Declaration of Principles Governing the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and the Subsoil Thereof beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, economic implications resulting from the exploitation of the resources of the area (resolution 2750 A (XXV)), as well as the particular needs and problems of land-locked countries (resolution 2750 B (XXV))."

2. The agreement of 12 March also stated:

"It is understood that the Sub-Committees, in connexion with the matters allocated to them, may consider the precise definition of the area of the sea-bed and the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction. It is clearly understood that the matter of recommendations concerning the precise definition of the area is to be regarded as a controversial issue on which the Committee would pronounce. The Committee shall also decide on the question of priority of particular subjects, including the international régime, the international machinery and the economic implications of exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, proceeding from resolution 2750 (XXV) and the relevant explanations made on behalf of its co-sponsors."

3. On 27 August, at the 66th meeting, the Chairman of the Committee read out the text of the following agreement on these outstanding issues, which the Committee adopted:

"The question of the international régime should receive a certain priority as explained by the co-sponsors of the original draft resolution later adopted as resolution 2750 C (XXV) and as implied in the terms of that resolution. This would mean, in the first instance, the allocation of more time to Sub-Committee I.

"While each Sub-Committee will have the right to discuss and record its conclusions on the question of limits so far as it is relevant to the subjects allocated to it, the main Committee will not reach a decision on the final recommendations with regard to limits until the recommendations of Sub-Committee II on the precise definition of the area have been received, which should constitute basic proposals for the consideration of the main Committee.

"The question of peaceful uses is allocated to the main Committee, it being understood that each of the Sub-Committees is free to consider it in so far as this question is relevant to its mandate".

4. Sub-Committee I held two series of meetings in Geneva in 1971, from 12 March to 26 March and from 19 July to 27 August. In March it held four meetings; in July/August it held 27 meetings. Representatives of the States members of the Committee attended these meetings as well as observer States. Representatives of the specialized agencies, IAEA and UNCTAD also attended the meetings.

5. The officers of Sub-Committee I in 1971 were:

Chairman:	Dr. E.E. Seaton (United Republic of Tanzania)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. S.M. Thompson-Flores (Brazil)
	Mr. G. Fekete (Hungary)
	Mr. C.V. Ranganathan (India)
Rapporteur:	Mr. A. Prohaska (Austria)

6. The Report of the Sub-Committee on its work in 1971, reproduced in the Report of the Committee to the General Assembly (document A/8421, supplement number 21, Official Records of the twenty-sixth session), noted that the Sub-Committee completed during the year a general comprehensive debate on the matters referred to it. The views expressed in the Sub-Committee during the debate are summarized in paragraphs 59-83 of the Committee's Report.

7. At the end of the July/August session, the Chairman submitted a note (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.6) containing suggestions for the future work of the Sub-Committee. Following a discussion of the matter, the Sub-Committee agreed that at the beginning of its first session in 1972 it would begin the next stages of its work in relation to the matters referred to it. Accordingly it would give specific consideration to particular subjects with a view to clarifying them sufficiently, so that it could proceed to the drafting of articles on the issues identified in these specific debates.

B. Work of the Sub-Committee in 1972

8. Sub-Committee I held two series of meetings during 1972, the first in New York from 29 February to 29 March, and the second in Geneva from 19 July to 15 August. In March it held 16 meetings; in July/August it held 14 meetings. Representatives of the States members of the Committee attended these meetings as well as Observers. Representatives of the specialized agencies, IAEA and UNCTAD also attended the meetings.

9. The officers of Sub-Committee I in 1972 were:

Chairman:	Mr. Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. S.M. Thompson-Flores (Brazil)
	Mr. G. Fekete (Hungary)
	Mr. C.V. Ranganathan (India)
Rapporteur:	Mr. H.C. Mott (Australia)

10. At its 33rd meeting, on 6 March 1972, the Sub-Committee adopted its programme of work for 1972. This programme, which was based on a working paper presented at the August 1971 session of the Sub-Committee, was formally adopted after the incorporation of certain amendments. The programme of work was:

Item 1: Status, scope and basic provisions of the régime, based on the Declaration of Principles (resolution 2749 (XXV)).

Item 2: Status, scope, functions and powers of the international machinery in relation to:

- (a) organs of the international machinery, including composition, procedures and dispute settlement;
- (b) rules and practices relating to activities for the exploration, exploitation and management of the resources of the area, as well as those relating to the preservation of the marine environment and scientific research, including technical assistance to developing countries;
- (c) the equitable sharing in the benefits to be derived from the area, bearing in mind the special interests and needs of developing countries, whether coastal or land-locked;
- (d) the economic considerations and implications relating to the exploitation of the resources of the area, including their processing and marketing;
- (e) the particular needs and problems of land-locked countries; and
- (f) relationship of the international machinery to the United Nations system.

11. The Sub-Committee held a specific discussion on both items of its programme of work, including the six sections of item 2. The report of the Sub-Committee on its work in 1972, reproduced in the Report of the Committee to the General Assembly (document A/8721, supplement number 21, Official Records of the twenty-seventh session), summarizes the substance of this discussion.

12. At the 40th meeting of the Sub-Committee, the Chairman summarized the discussion on item 1 of the programme of work and his summary, by decision of the Sub-Committee, was circulated as document A/AC.138/SC.I/L.10. At the 55th meeting of the Sub-Committee, the presiding Vice-Chairman, on behalf of the Bureau, summarized the discussion on item 2 of the programme of work and his summary, by decision of the Sub-Committee, was circulated as document A/AC.138/SC.I/L.17.

Working Group on the international régime and machinery

13. The report of the Sub-Committee for 1972 states that the Sub-Committee agreed to a proposal by the Chairman to set up a Working Group on the international régime. It was agreed that the Working Group would have 33 members but would be open-ended to enable non-members to present proposals or those which had already done so to join in their examination. The following States were designated as members of the Working Group: Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Madagascar, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Romania, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia.

14. During the March session of the Committee, the Working Group held two meetings, on 28 and 29 March 1972, at the first of which it elected Mr. C.W. Pinto (Sri Lanka) as Chairman. It held 20 meetings in July/August, in pursuance of the mandate conferred upon it by the Sub-Committee.

15. At the start of its meetings during the July/August session, the Working Group had before it an informal working paper which had been prepared as a preliminary attempt to reflect within a single paper, through the use of square brackets and alternative texts, areas of agreement and disagreement on matters relating to the status, scope and basic provisions of the régime, as these had been indicated in the debates in the Committee and in Sub-Committee I. The paper contained 21 texts on the following aspects of the status, scope and basic provisions of the régime based on the Declaration of Principles: limits of the area; common heritage of mankind; activities regarding exploration and exploitation of the resources of the area; non-appropriation and no claim or exercise of sovereignty or sovereign rights; no claim or acquisition of rights incompatible with the régime; non-recognition of claims inconsistent with the convention; use of the area by all States without discrimination; applicability of principles and rules of international law; benefit of mankind as a whole; preservation of the area exclusively for peaceful purposes; who may exploit the area; general norms regarding exploitation; scientific research; transfer of technology; protection of the marine environment; due regard to the rights and interests of coastal States; the legal status of superjacent waters; non-interference with other activities in the area; responsibility to ensure observance of the régime; and settlement of disputes.

16. The Working Group on 28 July completed a first reading of the texts, designed to ensure that the opinions of members were fully and accurately reflected. As a result of that first reading, the working paper was revised to take account of the opinions expressed. During a second reading of the revised texts, an attempt was made to narrow the areas of disagreement as far as possible and to merge alternative texts where there was no fundamental difference of approach. The result of the Group's work is annexed to the Sub-Committee's report for 1972. At the conclusion of its meetings for the year, the Working Group had completed its second reading of

the following texts: the common heritage of mankind; activities regarding exploration and exploitation; non-appropriation or claim or exercise of sovereignty or sovereign rights, or of rights incompatible with the treaty articles, and the non-recognition of any such claims or exercise of rights; and use of the area by all States without discrimination.

17. The Sub-Committee agreed at its 61st meeting to a proposal by the presiding Vice-Chairman concerning the course of future work in regard to item 2 of the programme of work.

18. The Vice-Chairman said that in view, among other considerations, of the close links that existed between the two items on the Sub-Committee's programme of work - the regime and the machinery - representatives of the different regional groups had agreed to entrust to the Working Group on the international régime the task of dealing with the matters included in item 2 of the programme of work, on the international machinery, in accordance with the Group's procedures.

19. The Chairman said that it would be understood that the Group could decide at the appropriate time that the completion of the task relating to the régime would not be necessary before beginning work on the international machinery. The understanding concerning the distribution of membership among regional groups would remain the same, it being agreed that regional groups would be free to maintain or modify their membership, and the Working Group would be open to all members of the Committee who would wish to participate.

II. WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE IN 1973

20. The Sub-Committee held two series of meetings during 1973, the first in New York from 7 March to 5 April and the second in Geneva from 3 July to 17 August. In March/April it held seven meetings and in July/August it held seven meetings. Representatives of the States members of the Committee attended these meetings as well as Observers. Representatives of the specialized agencies, IAEA and UNCTAD also attended the meetings.

21. The officers of the Sub-Committee in 1973 were:

Chairman:	Mr. Paul Bamela Engo (Cameroon)
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. S.M. Thompson-Flores (Brazil)
	at the March session:
	Mr. R. Banyasz (Hungary, replacing Mr. Fekete)
	Mr. P.C. Rao (India, replacing Mr. Ranganathan)
	at the July/August session:
	Mr. Endre Zador (Hungary)
	Mr. C.V. Ranganathan (India)
Rapporteur:	Mr. H.C. Mott (Australia)

22. In addition to various background documents, the Sub-Committee had before it three reports prepared by the Secretary-General for the Committee in response to General Assembly resolutions 3029 B and C and in accordance with requests in the Sub-Committee during the March/April session:

- (a) Document A/AC.138/87 - Economic Significance, in Terms of Sea-Bed Mineral Resources, of the Various Limits Proposed for National Jurisdiction
- (b) Document A/AC.138/88 - Examples of Precedents of Provisional Application, Pending their Entry into Force, of Multilateral Treaties, Especially Treaties which have Established International Organizations and/or Régimes
- (c) Document A/AC.138/90 - Sea-Bed Mineral Resources: Recent Developments

23. The following papers were introduced in 1973:

- (a) Draft articles under item 23 of the list of subjects and issues, Archaeological and Historical Treasures, by Turkey (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.21)
- (b) Draft articles presented by Italy concerning the Composition of the Council (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.24)
- (c) Draft article on item 23 of the list of subjects and issues, Protection of Archaeological and Historical Treasures, presented by Greece (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.25)
- (d) Preliminary Draft Articles concerning the Basic Principles of the Régime of the International Area of the Sea-Bed and the Subsoil thereof and Regulations for the Granting and Administration of Licences for the Exploration and Exploitation of Minerals, submitted by Italy (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.26)
- (e) Preamble to a treaty on the use of the sea-bed for peaceful purposes presented by USSR (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.28).

24. An index of the documents submitted to the Sub-Committee for the years 1971-1973 is in Annex 1.

25. An index of statements in the Sub-Committee for the years 1971-1973 is in Annex 2.

26. At its 75th meeting, on 17 August, the Sub-Committee adopted its report to the Committee.

Discussions in the Sub-Committee

27. During its two sessions in 1973, the Sub-Committee devoted a number of meetings to discussions of individual subjects related to its mandate. These discussions are described in the following paragraphs.

28. A number of delegations commented on the subject of archaeological and historical treasures which was an item added to the mandate of the Sub-Committee following the acceptance of the list of subjects and issues. One representative recalled that his delegation had submitted a working paper on this subject at the previous session of

the Sub-Committee (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.16) and described the provisions of this paper. A brief discussion ensued in which a number of delegations commented on the subject. Another delegation submitted a draft article (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.21) which was also the subject of comments. Subsequently, during the July/August session, a further draft article was submitted (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.25).

29. At the 64th meeting of the Sub-Committee on 17 March, a delegation requested that the Secretary-General should prepare a study of the potential applicability to the Committee's present work of the various ways in which the question of the provisional entry into force of multilateral treaties has been dealt with in the past. He asked that the study should be completed before the July/August session of the Committee and that it should be referred to Sub-Committee I and possibly to the Working Group for discussion. Following consultations and discussion in the Sub-Committee, the proposal was subsequently issued in writing (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.19). At the 66th meeting the Sub-Committee adopted the following recommendation to the Committee:

"Sub-Committee I recommends to the Main Committee that the Secretary-General be requested to describe factually, for the Sub-Committee's use at its summer session in 1973, examples of precedents of provisional application, pending their entry into force, of all or part of multilateral treaties, especially treaties which have established international organizations and/or régimes.

"This recommendation is not a pronouncement on, nor does it prejudice in any way, the nature, characteristics, forms or structure of the régime and machinery for the sea-bed and the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction which are to be established, in the general context of the Law of the Sea to be considered at the forthcoming Conference. It does not constitute a recommendation on the advisability of the concept of provisional application of the régime and machinery, or on the relevance of past precedents. Nor does it prejudice the question whether only that part of a treaty relating to the régime and machinery concerning the sea-bed area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and its resources would apply provisionally or whether provisions relating to other questions of the Law of the Sea would also apply provisionally. These questions have not been discussed by the Sub-Committee."

30. Another delegation recalled resolution 2750 A (XXV) and asked the Secretary-General to provide for the July/August session a brief report on new economic and technological developments relating to sea-bed exploitation and subsequently to prepare a more comprehensive study for the Conference. The Sub-Committee endorsed this request.

31. During the March/April session, the Chairman of the Working Group reported to the Sub-Committee on the progress made in the Group. By decision of the Sub-Committee his statements were reproduced in extenso in the records of the 64th and 67th meetings. His reports contained personal views and were not binding on any delegation. A number of delegations also commented on developments in the Working Group.

32. On 5 April at the 68th meeting of the Sub-Committee the Chairman made a statement summarizing the work done by the Sub-Committee and its Working Group during the session in March/April, which by decision of the Sub-Committee was circulated as document A/AC.138/SC.I/L.23. In his statement the Chairman suggested that the Working Group's texts on the status, scope and basic provisions of the régime should be circulated as a document of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee agreed to this proposal and the texts were circulated as document A/AC.138/SC.I/L.22.

33. At the session in July/August, and pursuant to decisions of the General Assembly and of the Committee at its session in March/April (see paragraphs 29 and 30 above), the Sub-Committee had before it the three reports mentioned in paragraph 22 above.

34. A number of delegations commented on the report on the economic significance, in terms of sea-bed mineral resources, of the various limits proposed for national jurisdiction (A/AC.138/87). Speakers generally appeared to agree that the report contained material of importance for the work of the Sub-Committee in relation to the international régime and machinery, because of the information it provided as to the likely extent and location of sea-bed resources.

35. Some speakers commented on the report of the examples of precedents of provisional application, pending their entry into force, of multilateral treaties (A/AC.138/88). Speakers generally appeared to agree that this was a useful report which could be taken into account at a further stage of the work of formulating the new law of the sea.

36. Several speakers referred to the report concerning recent developments in regard to sea-bed mineral resources (A/AC.138/90). The view was expressed that the report contained some incorrect information, deriving from published sources, about the part played by one Government regarding activities related to sea-bed mineral resources. A number of delegations referred to a newspaper report about plans for mining on the deep ocean floor. The view was expressed that activities of this kind led to the conclusion that it was urgently necessary to negotiate the differences between States and to hold the Conference; that stemming from the principles 4 and 14 of the Declaration of principles contained in resolution 2749 (XXV) all the activities in the area should be subject to the régime to be established and the States were obliged to ensure that their nationals would comply with the aforesaid régime; that further study of the provisional application of the Convention emerging from the Conference would be necessary; and that the Secretary-General should submit well in advance of the Conference a final report dealing with the economic consequences of future exploitation for the economies of developing land-based producers of minerals. It was also stated in this regard that the position of another delegation on interim mining legislation and sea-bed nodule exploitation remained as outlined in the March/April session. According to this view, as well, it was necessary to proceed urgently with the work of the Committee so that when exploitation took place it would do so under agreed international arrangements.

37. The Chairman of the Working Group, in accordance with the practice originated at the March/April session, made periodic reports to the Sub-Committee on the progress made in the Working Group during the July/August session. These reports, which contain useful material in regard to the activities of the Working Group, but which were the personal views of its Chairman and not binding on any delegation, were by decision of the Sub-Committee reproduced in extenso in the records for the 70th and 73rd meetings. The Chairman's final report is in the records of the 75th meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Working Group on the international régime and machinery

38. During the March/April session the Working Group held thirty meetings and during the July/August session 37 meetings.

39. As noted in paragraph 16 above, at the conclusion of its meetings in 1972 the Working Group had carried out its first reading of a number of texts relating to the international régime, some of which also received a second reading. (See Annex II, 1 to the 1972 Report). In the March/April session in 1973 the Working Group completed its second reading of texts relating to the international régime. In addition it began its consideration of a working paper relating to the international machinery (Doc.3). Consideration of the texts relating to the international machinery was continued during the July/August session.

40. As regards the international régime, the Working Group carried out a first reading of texts relating to the limits of the Area, and completed a second reading of texts concerning the following twenty subjects: the common heritage of mankind; activities regarding exploration and exploitation; non-appropriation or claim or exercise of sovereignty or sovereign rights, or of rights incompatible with the treaty rights, and the non-recognition of any such claims or exercise of rights; use of the Area by all States without discrimination; general conduct in the Area and in relation to the Area; benefit of mankind as a whole; preservation of the Area exclusively for peaceful purposes; who may exploit the Area; general norms regarding exploitation; scientific research; transfer of technology; protection of the marine environment; protection of human life; due regard to the rights of coastal States; legal status of waters superjacent to the Area; accommodation of activities in the marine environment and in the Area; responsibility to ensure observance of the international régime and liability for damages; access to and from the Area; archaeological and historical objects; and settlement of disputes.

41. With regard to the international machinery, the Working Group carried out a first reading of texts concerning the following subjects: establishment of international machinery; nature of the Authority; installations and other facilities for the exploration of the Area and the exploitation of its resources; operation of vessels and emplacement of installations by the Authority; privileges and immunities; relationships with other organizations; fundamental principles of the functioning of the Authority; purposes of the Authority; powers and functions of the Authority; the Assembly; powers and functions of the Assembly; the Council; powers and functions of the Council; the system of settlement of disputes [including the Tribunal]; the Enterprise; the Operations Commission; the

Permanent Board; the Management and Development Commission; the International Sea-bed Operations Organization; the Exploration and Production Agency; the Exploitation Commission; the Secretariat; the Rules and Recommended Practices Commission; the Planning/Price Stabilization Commission; the Scientific and Technological Commission; the Legal Commission; the International Sea-bed Boundary Review Commission; the Inspection and Conservation Commission; and a miscellaneous provision.

42. The Working Group completed its second reading of texts concerning the following subjects: the Assembly; powers and functions of the Assembly; the Council; powers and functions of the Council; the system of settlement of disputes [including the Tribunal]; the Enterprise; the Operations Commission; the Permanent Board; the Management and Development Commission; the International Sea-bed Operations Organization; the Exploration and Production Agency; and the Exploitation Commission.

43. Some delegations objected to the consideration of certain texts and to their inclusion in the report, on the ground of the non-competence of the Working Group. In every such case an appropriate footnote has been inserted.

44. A proposed preamble was submitted for a first reading in the Working Group. The view was expressed that consideration of the preamble was outside the mandate of the Working Group, while other delegations took a contrary view. Owing to lack of time the Working Group was not able to complete its discussion of this issue and no alternative texts were presented. The inclusion of the preamble is therefore without prejudice to the position of any delegation.

45. The Working Group has, in discharging its mandate, attempted to reflect areas of agreement and disagreement concerning all these items in the series of texts appended to this report. Square brackets are used and alternative texts prepared in order to indicate areas where it did not prove possible to accommodate views in a single text.

46. It should be noted (a) that the Group did not take a decision concerning headings or margin notes, or the question of the eventual position of texts; (b) that some members of the Group expressed reservations as to whether certain of the subjects dealt with in the texts fell within the terms of reference of the Working Group; and (c) that some members did not consider the matters covered by the texts as necessarily exhaustive.

47. In the Working Group it was considered that there were a number of additional matters which might need to be dealt with. These could include general rules and regulations regarding exploration of the Area and exploitation of its resources which, according to the type of administration adopted as regards exploration and exploitation, might cover such subjects as notice to mariners and other safety procedures, areas to be allotted, work requirements, work plans, inspection, service contracts, licensing, joint ventures, fees payable, revocation of service contracts, revocation of licences; integrity of investments; regional arrangements; the participation of disadvantaged countries; the Statute of the Tribunal; criteria for the sharing of benefits; the parties to the treaty and other final clauses; and transitional provisions. This list was not accepted in its entirety by all delegations.

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9th meeting:

General debate (continued):
Austria, Japan, Turkey, France, Australia

10th meeting:

1. General debate (continued):
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Sweden, Italy, Libyan Arab Republic, Nigeria, Canada
2. Question of Procedure
Statements by the Chairman, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Guyana, United Republic of Tanzania, Peru, Australia, Philippines, France, Kuwait

11th meeting:

General debate (continued):
Chile, Gabon, Ceylon, Sweden

12th meeting:

General debate (continued):
Cameroon, Nepal, Czechoslovakia, Kuwait, Poland, United Kingdom, Liberia, Canada

13th meeting:

General debate (continued):
Uruguay, Singapore, United States of America, Netherlands.

14th meeting:

General debate (continued):
Afghanistan, Romania, Spain

15th meeting:

1. General debate (continued):
Belgium, Thailand, Philippines
2. Statement by Mr. Baum (Secretariat)

16th meeting:

- General debate (continued):
Indonesia, United States of America, Ivory Coast, Greece, Somalia

17th meeting:

- General debate (continued):
Bulgaria, Lebanon, Netherlands, Sudan

18th meeting:

1. General debate (continued):
Trinidad and Tobago, Iran, Mauritania, United Republic of Tanzania
2. Point of clarification
United States of America

19th meeting:

- General debate (continued):
Panama, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Kingdom

20th meeting:

1. General debate (continued):
Ecuador, India, United Arab Republic, Hungary
2. The representative of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD made a statement. Comments on that statement were made by Peru, Chile, Canada, Bolivia, United States of America, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Guyana, Spain, Yugoslavia, Nigeria, USSR, Colombia, Secretariat.

21st meeting:

1. General debate (continued):
Australia
2. Organization of work
Statement by the Chairman

22nd meeting:

1. General debate (continued):
Ghana, Colombia, Poland, Mexico
2. Note on the organization of work (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.6)
Statement by Chairman, United States of America, India, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

23rd meeting:

1. General debate (continued)
Mauritius, France, Tunisia, Brazil, United States of America, Yugoslavia, Venezuela, Denmark, Ceylon
2. Note on the organization of work (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.6)
Statements by Chairman, Jamaica, Guyana, India, Brazil

24th meeting:

1. General debate (continued)
Afghanistan, Singapore, Canada
2. Consideration of the draft report (A/AC.138/SC.I/L.7)

25th meeting:

Introduction and consideration of the revised version of the draft report

26th meeting:

1. Organization of work
2. Consideration of the draft report (continued)

27th meeting:

Consideration of the draft report (continued)

28th meeting:

Consideration of the draft report (continued)

29th meeting:

Adoption of the report

30th meeting:

Adoption of the report (continued)

31st meeting:

Adoption of the report (concluded)

Meetings held from 29 February to 23 March 1972 (A/AC.138/SC.I/SR.32-47)

32nd meeting:

Opening of the session by the Acting Chairman

Election of officers

Statements by Tanzania and the Netherlands

Organization of work:

Statement by the Chairman

33rd meeting:

1. Organization of work (continued)
Statements by the Chairman, Peru, Turkey, Norway, Malta, Canada, Sri Lanka, Kuwait, Australia
2. Status, scope, and basic provisions of the régime based on the Declaration of Principles (resolution 2749 (XXV)). Statements by United States of America, Canada

34th meeting:

1. Statement by the Legal Counsel on the comparative table contained in document A/AC.138/L.10
2. "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statement by Australia

35th meeting:

1. "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statements by Greece, Poland, Sri Lanka, Chile, Peru
2. Secretary-General's note of 11 May 1971:
Statement by Canada

36th meeting:

1. "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statements by Malta, Peru, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Algeria, Turkey, Romania, Iraq
2. Secretary-General's note of 11 May 1971:
Statement by the Legal Counsel

37th meeting:

- "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statements by Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Singapore, Afghanistan, Australia, Italy, United States of America, Chile

38th meeting:

- "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statements by Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Kuwait, Japan, Canada, the Chairman

39th meeting:

1. "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statements by Yugoslavia, Colombia, Madagascar, Brazil, Belgium, Iran, India, Argentina
2. Organization of work:
Statement by the Chairman

40th meeting:

1. "Status, scope, and basic provisions ..." (continued)
Statement by the Chairman
2. Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
Turkey, Italy, Ivory Coast, France, Chile, India, Nigeria, Jamaica
3. Status, scope, functions and powers of the international machinery:
Statements by the Chairman, Mexico, United Republic of Tanzania

41st meeting

- "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Netherlands, United States of America, United Kingdom,
Canada, Mexico

42nd meeting:

1. Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
2. "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Finland, Australia, Belgium, United Republic of Tanzania,
Netherlands, United States of America, Peru

43rd meeting:

1. "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Canada, Chile, the Chairman, Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Kuwait, France
2. Organization of work:
Statement by the Chairman

44th meeting

1. Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, Peru
2. "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Malta, Jamaica, Belgium, Trinidad and Tobago, Spain, Peru,
Singapore

45th meeting:

- "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Poland, Colombia, Iraq, Greece, Zaire, Pakistan, Bulgaria

46th meeting:

- "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Japan, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Argentina, France,
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Afghanistan, Turkey, New Zealand,
Mauritania, Uruguay

47th meeting:

1. "Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by United Kingdom, Brazil, Kenya
2. Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, United Kingdom, Singapore, Afghanistan,
Brazil, Ecuador, United States of America, Australia, the Legal Counsel

Meetings held from 19 July to 15 August 1972 (A/AC.138/SC.I/SR.48-61)48th meeting:

- Opening of the session
Statement by the Chairman

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
Statement by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD
Statements by France, Chile, the Chairman, United Kingdom

49th meeting:

1. Statement by Chairman of Working Group I
2. "Additional notes on possible economic implications of mineral production
from the international sea-bed area" (A/AC.138/73)
Statements by Chile, Japan, United States of America, Peru, Kuwait

50th meeting:

- "Additional notes on possible economic implications of mineral production
from the international sea-bed area" (A/AC.138/73) (continued)
Statements by the Chairman, United Kingdom, Denmark, United States of America,
Chile, France, Peru, Jamaica, Canada, Brazil, Under-Secretary-General for
Economic and Social Affairs

51st meeting:

1. Status, scope, functions and powers of the international machinery
Statement by China
2. Organization of work:
Statement by the Chairman

52nd meeting:

"Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Uruguay and Madagascar

53rd meeting:

"Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statement by Denmark

54th meeting:

"Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Nepal, Netherlands, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Greece

55th meeting:

"Status, scope, functions and powers ..." (continued)
Statements by Yugoslavia, United Kingdom, the Vice-Chairman
Comments on the Vice-Chairman's statement by Chile, Peru, Bulgaria,
the Rapporteur, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Malta

56th meeting:

1. Adoption of the draft report
2. Statement of explanation in reply to comments at a previous meeting
by Colombia

57th meeting:

Adoption of the draft report (continued)

58th meeting:

Adoption of the draft report (continued)

59th meeting:

Adoption of the draft report (continued)

60th meeting:

Adoption of the draft report (continued)

61st meeting:

1. Adoption of the draft report (continued)
2. Organization of work:
Statement by the Vice-Chairman

SUP-COMMITTEE I - March/April session 1973

62nd meeting - 7 March 1973

Organization of work:

Introductory statement by the Chairman

63rd meeting - 13 March 1973

Election of two acting vice-chairmen

Statements by the Vice-Chairmen (Hungary and India)

Organization of work (continued)

Statement by the United States of America introducing a technical paper.

China spoke on a point of order

64th meeting - 19 March 1973

Report of Working Group I:

Statement by the Chairman of Working Group I, Chile, Norway, Italy and the Chairman of Sub-Committee I

Other aspects of the work:

Statements by the representatives of the United States of America, Chile, Canada, Guyana, Senegal, Peru, Ghana, Kenya, the Ivory Coast, Ecuador, France, Pakistan, Brazil, Nigeria, Singapore, Colombia, Italy, Greece and Iraq, and the Chairman.

65th meeting - 23 March 1973

Other aspects of the work:

Statements were made by the representative of Chile, Kuwait, United Republic of Tanzania, India, Norway, Peru, the United States of America, Senegal and the Secretary of the Sub-Committee

Archeological and historical treasures of the sea-bed:

Statements by Turkey, Finland and Czechoslovakia

66th meeting - 27 March 1973

Other aspects of the work:

Statement by China

Document A/AC.138/SC.I/L.19:

Statement by the United States of America

67th meeting - 30 March 1973

Report of Working Group I:

The Chairman of Working Group I made a statement. Statements also made by Norway, Chile, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Peru, United States of America, Nepal, Brazil, India, Kenya, Guyana and Afghanistan, as well as by the Chairman.

68th meeting - 5 April 1973

Statement by the Chairman on the progress of work of the Sub-Committee
Statements were made also by Sweden, Chile, Czechoslovakia, the United States of
America, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Philippines, Peru, Ghana,
Trinidad and Tobago, Kenya and the United Republic of Tanzania.
The Chairman made a concluding statement.

69th meeting - 3 July

Opening of the session
Statement by the Chairman

70th meeting - 9 July 1973

Report by the Chairman of Working Group I
Statement by the Chairman
Statement by Chile

71st meeting - 12 July 1973

Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, France, Kuwait, Peru, Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics, Brazil

72nd meeting - 23 July 1973

Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, Kenya, Greece, United Kingdom, Bulgaria,
Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Norway, Japan, Poland,
Malta, Chile, Italy, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic

73rd meeting - 1 August 1973

Nomination of a Vice-Chairman and progress report by the Chairman of the
Working Group
Statements by the Chairman, Hungary, Chairman of the Working Group, Malta,
Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Japan

74th meeting - 9 August 1973

Organization of work:
Statements by the Chairman, Chile, Peru, United States of America, the
Rapporteur and Bulgaria

75th meeting - 17 August 1973

Adoption of the Report:
Statements by the Chairman and the Rapporteur. The Chairman of the
Working Group presented the progress report and the report of the
Working Group. The Sub-Committee adopted its report to the Main Committee.
Statements made by Italy, Ireland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Ghana,
Jamaica. United Kingdom and Japan.