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

Algeria, Brazil, Chile, China, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Republic,
Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Yemen and Yugoslavia: draft decision

The Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the
Limits of National Jurisdiction,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2574 D (XXIV), of 15 December 1969, in which the Assembly declares that, pending the establishment of an international régime for the sea-bed and the ocean floor, States and persons, physical or juridical, are bound to refrain from all activities of exploitation of the resources of the area,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Declaration of Principles Governing the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor, and the Subsoil thereof, beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, contained in General Assembly resolution 2749 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 which declares that the area shall not be subject to appropriation by any means by States or persons, natural or juridical, and that no State shall claim or exercise sovereignty or sovereign rights over any part thereof: and that no State or person, natural or juridical, shall claim, exercise or acquire rights with respect to the area or its resources incompatible with the international régime to be established and the principles of the Declaration,

Gravely concerned over the evidence that a number of States, organizations and consortia are already engaged in operational activities in the area,

Calls upon all States engaged in activities in the sea-bed area, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, in conformity with the provisions of the two resolutions cited above, to cease and desist from all activities aiming at commercial exploitation in the sea-bed area and to refrain from engaging directly or through their nationals in any operations aimed at the exploitation of the area before the establishment of the international régime;

Reaffirms that prior to the establishment of the international régime, no claims on any part of the area or its resources, based on past, present or future activities will be recognized.