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

PROPOSALS IN REGARD TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK
PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE 90TH MEETING
HELD ON 5 MARCH 1973

1. The two sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor scheduled to be held in 1973 and the first of which commenced on 5 March 1973, will be two of the most crucial in the history of this Committee.
2. The prospects for the Third United Nations Law of the Sea Conference making a substantive start, as contemplated, during the Spring of 1974 in Santiago, Chile, after a formal inauguration of the Conference during the General Assembly's twenty-eighth session this year must depend essentially on the progress that is achieved during the five weeks' Spring and the eight weeks' Summer sessions of the Committee.

I would, therefore, appeal to all groups and all members to exert themselves to secure a sufficient degree of agreement and understanding which will facilitate the preparatory work.

3. It was the adoption, during the Summer session of the Committee in 1972, of a comprehensive list of subjects and issues relating to the Law of the Sea, referred to in paragraph 2 of resolution 2750 C (XXV) that influenced the General Assembly's decision in its resolution 3029 A (XXVII) to decide, subject to review at its twenty-eighth session of the progress of the preparatory work of the Committee, to convene the first session of the Third Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York for a period of approximately two weeks in November and December 1973, for the purpose of dealing with organizational matters, and to convene the second session of the Conference, for the purpose of dealing with substantive work, at Santiago, Chile, for a period of eight weeks in April and May 1974.

4. The progress made by the Committee so far may be examined in relation to the terms of reference and the work of the three Sub-Committees.

The Committee may also wish to consider what modifications, if any, in its present organization are deemed necessary to expedite its preparatory work.

5. For this purpose, this paper will deal in turn with each Sub-Committee and the progress it has achieved so far.

Sub-Committee I

Terms of reference:

"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)/."

6. As section II of the report of the Committee for 1972 indicates, that Sub-Committee established a Working Group to deal with item 1 of its programme of work entitled "Status, scope and basic provisions of the régime based on the Declaration of Principles (resolution 2749 (XXV))".

This Working Group consisted of 33 members but was to be open-ended to enable non-members to present proposals or those who had already done so to join in their examination.

7. Sub-Committee I also discussed and concluded the discussion of item 2 of its programme of work, viz: 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.

This item was also referred by the Sub-Committee to the Working Group appointed to deal with item 1.

8. This covers the entire scope of the terms of reference of Sub-Committee I and special arrangements need not be made for that Sub-Committee other than for the continuation of the deliberations of its Working Group and for periodic meetings of the Sub-Committee itself to review the progress in its Working Group and to take any other action necessary for fulfilling its mandate.

Sub-Committee II

9. The terms of reference of this Sub-Committee are as follows:

"To prepare a comprehensive list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea, including those concerning the régimes of the high seas, the continental shelf, the territorial sea (including the question of its breadth and the question of international straits) and contiguous zone, fishing and conservation of the living resources of the high seas (including the question of the preferential rights of coastal States) and to prepare draft treaty articles thereon. It is understood that the Sub-Committee may decide to draft articles before completing the comprehensive list of subjects and issues related to the law of the sea."

10. In the course of my informal consultations last week it was stated that just as Sub-Committees I and III had discussed their subjects and issues in detail before appointing Working Groups, Sub-Committee II should also be provided with the same opportunity and facilities. This I am sure, the Committee will approve but I must appeal to Sub-Committee II to avoid protracted general debates and to proceed with all despatch to the detailed examination of the subjects and issues falling within its purview by the appointment of a Working Group or Working Groups.

11. A distinction has to be drawn between the preparation of the list of subjects and issues and the competence of any particular Sub-Committee to discuss, and draft treaty articles on, those subjects and issues. As many of the subjects and issues are closely interrelated and in such cases each of them does not lend itself to treatment in isolation from the rest, the Chairman would like to suggest the grouping of the subjects and issues in appropriate categories. The Committee will note that there is an inconsistency between, on the one hand, the terms of reference of Sub-Committee II, which, on a literal interpretation, empower it to draft treaty articles on all items included in the list of subjects and issues and, on the other hand, the terms of reference of the other two Sub-Committees which empower them to draft articles on those aspects of the law of the sea which fall within their purview and which appear in the list of subjects and issues as items or subitems.

The Committee must, therefore, decide that Sub-Committee II has to confine itself to matters other than those assigned to Sub-Committee I and Sub-Committee III or retained by the Committee itself.

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12. The treatment of the question of the limits of national jurisdiction and of the question of peaceful uses has already been determined by the main Committee under the agreement read out by the Chairman at the 66th meeting on 27 August 1971. That agreement reads as follows:

"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 recommendation 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."

13. There are certain other items which concern general principles of international law and which do not fall strictly within the terms of reference of any Sub-Committee. On the other hand, each of the Sub-Committees, in regard to its terms of reference, has to deal with these particular items. For example, item 15 "Regional arrangements", item 20 "Responsibility and liability for damage resulting from the use of the marine environment", and item 21 "Settlement of disputes" have each of them a special relevance to some of the items assigned to each of the three Sub-Committees.

In these circumstances, the most rational method of dealing with those items, viz: items 15, 20 and 21, would be to require each of the Sub-Committees to discuss those items in so far as they are relevant to their respective terms of reference.

14. If I may now revert once again to the progress achieved by the Sub-Committees, I should like to deal with Sub-Committee III.

The terms of reference of Sub-Committee III are as follows:

"To deal with the preservation of the marine environment (including, inter alia, the prevention of pollution) and scientific research, and to prepare draft treaty articles thereon."

This Sub-Committee arranged its programme of work under five main headings as follows:

- A. Preservation of the marine environment (including the sea-bed)
- B. Elimination and prevention of pollution of the marine environment (including the sea-bed)

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- C. Scientific research concerning the marine environment (including the sea-bed)
- D. Development and transfer of technology
- E. Other matters

Sub-Committee III has set up a Working Group on marine pollution based on the same formula as the Working Group on the régime in Sub-Committee I, i.e., a Working Group of 33 but open-ended to permit of participation of other interested members.

15. Before suggesting a possible categorization of the subjects and issues which are to be dealt with by Sub-Committee II, I should like to suggest a basis for the assignment of the various items and subitems as between the Sub-Committees.

In doing so, we must bear in mind the terms of reference of the three Sub-Committees as settled on 12 March 1971 and the agreement of 27 August 1971 and seek to sift out of the list of subjects and issues those items and subitems which belong elsewhere than in Sub-Committee II.

It was never intended that any single Sub-Committee would be the focal point of the preparatory work for the Law of the Sea Conference. There can be only one focal point and that is the Committee itself.

16. In the course of the informal consultations which I held last week the suggestion was made that in dividing the subjects and issues we should adopt the distinction between national jurisdiction and what falls beyond national jurisdiction.

In many cases this distinction and this criterion for the separation of subjects and issues into two different groups would be extremely relevant and logical but there are many subjects and issues, many items and subitems, which do not lend themselves to such a grouping.

The Committee would do well, therefore, to adopt both these principles - the principle of division according to national jurisdiction or what falls beyond it as well as the pragmatic approach of assigning a particular item or subitem to the Sub-Committee whose terms of reference are most relevant to that particular item or subitem.

As a general rule, any Sub-Committee should be free to make proposals or recommendations on any aspect of any item or subitem if it is relevant to or impinges on any part of that Sub-Committee's terms of reference.

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17. I would suggest for the Committee's consideration the following distribution of responsibility between the various Sub-Committees. In doing so, I have taken into consideration the valuable proposals made by the delegations of Australia and Canada and which appear on pages 197 and 198 of document A/8721. These proposals were originally issued as document A/AC.138/SC.II/40.

I have also taken into account the observations made by various members during the informal consultations that I conducted last week.

The distribution of responsibility that I would suggest for the Committee's consideration - and here I must emphasize that it is the Committee's responsibility to determine this distribution - is as follows:

Item 1 and all the subitems, with the exception of subitems 1.5 and 1.6 to Sub-Committee I.

Subitems 1.5 and 1.6 to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971.

The following items and all the subitems under them would be the responsibility of Sub-Committee II:

Item 2, "Territorial sea"

Item 3, "Contiguous zone"

Item 4, "Straits used for international navigation"

Item 5, "Continental shelf", without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee I of subitems 5.4 and 5.5 in so far as relevant to its mandate, and to consideration by Sub-Committee III of subitem 5.6.

The following items would also belong to Sub-Committee II with the modifications indicated:

Item 6, "Exclusive economic zone beyond the territorial sea", without prejudice to the questions of pollution control and scientific research in the zone and duties of States relating thereto being considered by Sub-Committee III under subitem 6.1.

Subitem 6.7, "Sea-bed within national jurisdiction", would be the primary responsibility of Sub-Committee II but Sub-Committee I might need to consider it in relation to "Sea-bed beyond national jurisdiction".

Subitem 6.7.4, "Limits: applicable criteria", to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971.

Subitems 6.8, 6.8.1, and 6.9 assigned to Sub-Committee II without prejudice to the consideration by Sub-Committee III of these subitems so far as relevant to its mandate.

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In regard to item 7, "Coastal State preferential rights or other non-exclusive jurisdiction over resources beyond the territorial sea", Sub-Committee II would deal with it subject to subitem 7.2 being dealt with in the same manner as subitem 6.7.

Item 8, "High seas"

Item 9, "Land-locked countries", without prejudice to subitems 9.2.3, 9.2.4 and 9.3 being considered by Sub-Committee I in so far as relevant to its mandate.

Item 10, "Rights and interests of shelf-locked States and States with narrow shelves or short coastlines", without prejudice to subitem 10.1 being considered by Sub-Committee I in so far as relevant to its mandate.

Item 11, "Rights and interests of States with broad shelves"

The following items and all the subitems under them would be the responsibility of Sub-Committee III:

Item 12, "Preservation of the marine environment"

Item 13, "Scientific research"

Item 14, "Development and transfer of technology", without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committees I and II of the item or any of its subitems in so far as they are relevant to their mandates.

Item 15, "Regional arrangements"; each Sub-Committee would have to consider this question so far as it is relevant to its mandate.

The following items would go to Sub-Committee II:

Item 16, "Archipelagos"

Item 17, "Enclosed and semi-enclosed seas"

Item 18, "Artificial islands and installations"

Item 19, "Régime of islands"

Where any of these items relate to any aspect of the mandates of the other Sub-Committees, they would be entitled to consider the question.

Item 20, "Responsibility and liability for damage resulting from the use of the marine environment", would be dealt with in the same manner as suggested for item 15.

Item 21, "Settlement of disputes"; this item could also be considered by each Sub-Committee in so far as relevant to its mandate.

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Item 22, "Peaceful uses of the ocean space; zones of peace and security", would be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971.

Item 23, "Archaeological and historical treasures, etc.", Sub-Committee I.

Item 24, "Transmission from the high seas", Sub-Committee II.

Item 25, "Enhancing the universal participation of States in multilateral conventions relating to the law of the sea", would be the responsibility of the Committee.

The distribution that has been suggested by me would avoid unnecessary duplication of discussion without impairing the essential unity of the subject as a whole, viz: the law of the sea.

18. In an earlier part of this statement, I suggested that the subjects and issues might be grouped in appropriate categories. This problem appears to arise only in regard to the work of Sub-Committee II.

These are only suggestions and I have not lost sight of the fact that that Sub-Committee alone is responsible for the organization of its work.

Category I - Item 2

Item 3

Item 4

Item 16

Item 17

Category II - Item 6

Item 7

Item 9

Item 10

Item 11

Item 19

Category III - Item 5

Category IV - Item 8

Item 24

Category V - Item 18

and Item 19 - unless either of these could more appropriately be considered in any of the other categories.

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19. In the course of my consultations, I indicated that the organization into Sub-Committees, while it was appropriate during the earlier stages of the Committee's work, might not any longer be relevant, but I would not wish to see any change and would, therefore, suggest that a three-tiered procedure be adopted as follows:

Working Groups, having examined the various subjects and issues in detail, would report to their respective Sub-Committees, making any recommendation deemed fit in regard to drafting; the Sub-Committees would in turn report to the Main Committee.

The final text of all draft treaty articles and draft articles must be the responsibility of the Committee as a whole.

20. In the course of my informal consultations with various groups, certain suggestions were made which deserve consideration. One of these was that the relevant documents of the London Conference on Ocean Dumping and those of the Vancouver Conference on Fishing - the first to be held in the last 15 years - should be brought to the notice of the Committee for the information of Sub-Committees III and II.

It was also suggested that the relevant documents of the proposed IMCO Conference should, when they are available, be similarly forwarded to the Committee.

21. The annex to this document groups under each Sub-Committee the proposals made above.

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ANNEX

SUB-COMMITTEE I

1. International régime for the sea-bed and ocean floor beyond national jurisdiction
 - 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 (to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971 - see paragraph 12 above)
 - 1.6 Use exclusively for peaceful purposes (to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971 - see paragraph 12 above)
- (5. Continental shelf - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee I of subitem 5.4: Natural resources of the continental shelf, and subitem 5.5: Régime for waters superjacent to the continental shelf, in so far as deemed relevant to the mandate of Sub-Committee I.)
- (6. Exclusive economic zone beyond the territorial sea - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee I of subitem 6.7: Sea-bed within national jurisdiction, in so far as deemed relevant to the mandate of Sub-Committee I.)
- (7. Coastal State preferential rights or other non-exclusive jurisdiction over resources beyond the territorial sea - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee I of subitem 7.2: Sea-bed resources, in so far as deemed relevant to the mandate of Sub-Committee I.)
- (9. Land-locked countries - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee I of the following subitems in so far as relevant to its mandate: 9.2.3: Free access to the international sea-bed area beyond national jurisdiction, 9.2.4: Participation in the international

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régime, including the machinery and the equitable sharing in the benefits of the area, 9.3: Particular interests and needs of developing land-locked countries in the international régime.)

- (10. Rights and interests of shelf-locked States and States with narrow shelves or short coastlines - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee I of subitem 10.1: International régime, in so far as relevant to the mandate of Sub-Committee I.)
- (14. Development and transfer of technology - assigned to Sub-Committee III. Sub-Committee I would also have to consider the subitems in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
15. Regional arrangements - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
- (16. Archipelagos - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item by Sub-Committee I in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- (17. Enclosed and semi-enclosed seas - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item by Sub-Committee I, in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- (18. Artificial islands and installations - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item by Sub-Committee I, in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- (19. Régime of islands - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item or its subitems by Sub-Committee I: (a) Islands under colonial dependence or foreign domination or control; (b) Other related matters in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
20. Responsibility and liability for damage resulting from the use of the marine environment - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
21. Settlement of disputes - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
22. Peaceful uses of the ocean space; zones of peace and security (to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971 - see paragraph 12 above.)
23. Archaeological and historical treasures on the sea-bed and ocean floor beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

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SUB-COMMITTEE II

2. Territorial sea

- 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

- 3.1 Nature and characteristics
- 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

5. Continental shelf

- 5.1 Nature and scope of the sovereign rights of coastal States over the continental shelf. Duties of States
- 5.2 Outer limit of the continental shelf: applicable criteria
- 5.3 Question of the delimitation between States; various aspects involved

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- 5.4 Natural resources of the continental shelf
- 5.5 Régime for waters superjacent to the continental shelf
- 5.6 Scientific research
- 6. Exclusive economic zone beyond the territorial sea
 - 6.1 Nature and characteristics, including rights and jurisdiction of coastal States in relation to resources, pollution control and scientific research in the zone. Duties of States
 - 6.2 Resources of the zone
 - 6.3 Freedom navigation and overflight
 - 6.4 Regional arrangements
 - 6.5 Limits: applicable criteria
 - 6.6 Fisheries
 - 6.6.1 Exclusive fishery zone
 - 6.6.2 Preferential rights of coastal States
 - 6.6.3 Management and conservation
 - 6.6.4 Protection of coastal State's fisheries in enclosed and semi-enclosed seas
 - 6.6.5 Régime of islands under foreign domination and control in relation to zones of exclusive fishing jurisdiction
 - 6.7 Sea-bed within national jurisdiction
 - 6.7.1 Nature and characteristics
 - 6.7.2 Delineation between adjacent and opposite States
 - 6.7.3 Sovereign rights over natural resources
 - 6.7.4 Limits: applicable criteria (to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971 - see paragraph 12 above)
 - 6.8 Prevention and control of pollution and other hazards to the marine environment
 - 6.8.1 Rights and responsibilities of coastal States
 - 6.9 Scientific research

7. Coastal State preferential rights or other non-exclusive jurisdiction over resources beyond the territorial sea

- 7.1 Nature, scope and characteristics
- 7.2 Sea-bed resources
- 7.3 Fisheries
- 7.4 Prevention and control of pollution and other hazards to the marine environment
- 7.5 International co-operation in the study and rational exploitation of marine resources
- 7.6 Settlement of disputes
- 7.7 Other rights and obligations

8. High seas

- 8.1 Nature and characteristics
- 8.2 Rights and duties of States
- 8.3 Question of the freedoms of the high seas and their regulation
- 8.4 Management and conservation of living resources
- 8.5 Slavery, piracy and drugs
- 8.6 Hot pursuit

9. Land-locked countries

- 9.1 General principles of the law of the sea concerning the land-locked countries
- 9.2 Rights and interests of land-locked countries
 - 9.2.1 Free access to and from the sea: freedom of transit, means and facilities for transport and communications
 - 9.2.2 Equality of treatment in the ports of transit States
 - 9.2.3 Free access to the international sea-bed area beyond national jurisdiction

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- 9.2.4 Participation in the international régime, including the machinery and the equitable sharing in the benefits of the area
- 9.3 Particular interests and needs of developing land-locked countries in the international régime
- 9.4 Rights and interests of land-locked countries in regard to living resources of the sea
- 10. Rights and interests of shelf-locked States and States with narrow shelves or short coastlines
 - 10.1 International régime
 - 10.2 Fisheries
 - 10.3 Special interests and needs of developing shelf-locked States and States with narrow shelves or short coastlines
 - 10.4 Free access to and from the high seas
- 11. Rights and interests of States with broad shelves
- (14. Development and transfer of technology - to be assigned to Sub-Committee III. Sub-Committee II would also have to consider the subitems in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- 15. Regional arrangements - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
- 16. Archipelagos
- 17. Enclosed and semi-enclosed seas
- 18. Artificial islands and installations
- 19. Régime of islands
 - (a) Islands under colonial dependence or foreign domination or control;
 - (b) Other related matters
- 20. Responsibility and liability for damage resulting from the use of the marine environment - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.

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21. Settlement of disputes - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
22. Peaceful uses of the ocean space: zones of peace and security (to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971 - see paragraph 12 above.)
24. Transmission from the high seas

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SUB-COMMITTEE III

- (5. Continental shelf - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee III of subitem 5.6: Scientific research, in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
 - (6. Exclusive economic zone beyond the territorial sea - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration by Sub-Committee III of subitem 6.1: Nature and characteristics, including rights and jurisdiction of coastal States in relation to resources, pollution control, and scientific research in the zone. Duties of States, 6.8: Prevention and control of pollution and other hazards to the marine environment, 6.8.1: Rights and responsibilities of coastal States, 6.9: Scientific research, in so far as relevant to the mandate of Sub-Committee III.)
- 12. Preservation of the marine environment
 - 12.1 Sources of pollution and other hazards and measures to combat them
 - 12.2 Measures to preserve the ecological balance of the marine environment
 - 12.3 Responsibility and liability for damage to the marine environment and to the coastal State
 - 12.4 Rights and duties of coastal States
 - 12.5 International co-operation
 - 13. Scientific research
 - 13.1 Nature, characteristics and objectives of scientific research of the oceans
 - 13.2 Access to scientific information
 - 13.3 International co-operation
 - 14. Development and transfer of technology
 - 14.1 Development of technological capabilities of developing countries
 - 14.1.1 Sharing of knowledge and technology between developed and developing countries
 - 14.1.2 Training of personnel from developing countries
 - 14.1.3 Transfer of technology to developing countries

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15. Regional arrangements - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
- (16. Archipelagos - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item by Sub-Committee III, in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- (17. Enclosed and semi-enclosed seas - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item by Sub-Committee III, in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- (18. Artificial islands and installations - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item by Sub-Committee III, in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
- (19. Régime of islands - assigned to Sub-Committee II, without prejudice to consideration of the item or its subitems: (a) Islands under colonial dependence or foreign domination or control; (b) Other related matters, by Sub-Committee III in so far as relevant to its mandate.)
20. Responsibility and liability for damage resulting from the use of the marine environment - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
21. Settlement of disputes - to be dealt with by each Sub-Committee, in so far as relevant to its mandate.
22. Peaceful uses of the ocean space; zones of peace and security (to be dealt with in accordance with the agreement of 27 August 1971 - paragraph 12 above,)