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SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE
LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION

Amendments to the draft addendum to the Report of the
Committee (A/AC.138/L.4/Add.2*) submitted by the USSR
Delegation

1. Paragraph 4 - add the following after the words "marine environment" in the sixteenth line of that paragraph:

"A number of delegations expressed the opinion that a solution of the problems left unsettled by the Geneva Conventions did not require any revision of those Conventions. In this connexion it was emphasized that the Geneva Conventions had formalized the rules of international law of the sea that had developed historically and proven their value in practice, including those relating to freedom of navigation and fishing in the high seas. They were therefore of particular significance today when economic and other peaceful ties among States were rapidly expanding. This made it all the more imperative that the uses of ocean space be more orderly and rational and conform to the generally recognized rules of international law. In the view of these delegations, the Geneva Conventions had been elaborated with the participation of all major groups of States, including developing countries, and the proposals to revise them were not well founded."

2. In paragraph 6, line 3, after the words "Solutions should be found", insert the following:

"the question of the establishment of a uniform limit of the breadth of the territorial sea, in accordance with existing international practice, the securing of freedom of transit through and over international straits, the

definition of the outer limits of the continental shelf, the prohibition of the use of the sea-bed for military purposes and"

(Thereafter the rest stands.)

3. Add the following at the end of the first sentence of paragraph 9:

"and States bordering enclosed and semi-enclosed seas."

4. Delete paragraph 10.
