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

## PROGRAMME OF WORK

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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."

- A. To study in the context of appropriate provisions of resolution 2467 A (XXIII) the elaboration of legal principles relating to:
- (1) legal status;
  - (2) applicability of international law, including the United Nations Charter;
  - (3) reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes;
  - (4) use of the resources for the benefit of mankind as a whole, irrespective of the geographical location of States, taking into account the special interests and needs of the developing countries;
  - (5) freedom of scientific research and exploration;
  - (6) reasonable regard to the interests of other States in their exercise of the freedoms of the high seas;
  - (7) question of pollution and other hazards, and obligations and liability of States involved in the exploration, use and exploitation;
  - (8) other questions;
  - (9) synthesis.

B. Norms