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

Proposals of the representative of Belgium at the 17th meeting,
held on 19 August 1969

Item 1. Legal status

"The activities of non-governmental organizations and of private persons in the area must be authorized and kept under constant surveillance by a State or an intergovernmental organization."

Item 2. Applicability of international law, including the United Nations Charter

At the second line of the formulation under paragraph 18 of the report of the Informal Drafting Group (A/AC.138/SC.1/4), replace the expression "including the Charter of the United Nations" by the words "in particular the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations".

Item 3. Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes

"1. The sea-bed and ocean floor beyond a coastal strip the limits of which are to be agreed on shall be reserved exclusively for peaceful purposes.

"2. An international treaty shall be concluded as soon as possible for the purpose of preventing an arms race from taking place in the area."
