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

Economic and Technical Sub-Committee

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Note by the Chairman

In carrying out the mandate assigned to it by the full Committee, the Economic and Technical Sub-Committee might be guided, during its March 1969 session, by the following programme of work:

1. Consideration of progress achieved in the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and in the techniques used for their development.
 - (a) Hydrocarbons and soluble minerals; drilling;
 - (b) Surficial deposits and deposits within bedrock; dredging and mineral extraction.
2. Preliminary study of the ways and means of promoting the exploitation and use of the resources of this area, and of international co-operation to that end, bearing in mind the fact that such exploitation should benefit mankind as a whole (resolution 2467 A (XXIII), paragraph 2 (b); preliminary note by the Secretariat, in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee on 7 February 1969).
 - (a) General considerations;
 - (b) Establishment of basic documents;
 - (c) Exploration of mineral concentrations;
 - (d) Evaluation of mineral concentrations or deposits which have been ascertained: technical feasibility and economic exploitability;
 - (e) Exploitation of mineral deposits.

In accordance with resolution 2467 A (XXIII), paragraph 4 (b), the Sub-Committee might also prepare such recommendations on the above-mentioned points as it might wish to have submitted to the General Assembly by the full Committee.
