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

SUB-COMMITTEE III

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics : draft resolution
on measures for preventing the pollution of the
marine environment

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the importance, for the peoples of all countries, of preventing the pollution of the marine environment,

Considering that the present level of scientific and technological development makes it possible to solve the problem of maintaining the purity of the marine environment,

Bearing in mind the importance of comprehensive research on the processes of the pollution of the marine environment and methods of preventing it,

Noting the considerable work on the protection of the marine environment undertaken by the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

Desirous of continuing in future to promote the co-operation of States in the protection of the marine environment,

1. Calls upon all States to take measures to prevent the pollution of the marine environment, from whatever source such pollution may arise;

2. Appeals to all States, within their respective jurisdictions, to take the necessary measures to prevent the uncontrolled discharge of pollutants and toxic substances into the world's oceans;

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3. Appeals to States to take measures on a national and, where possible, on a regional basis to reduce the amount of noxious substances flowing from rivers into the world's oceans;
4. Notes the importance of modernizing existing, and developing and introducing new equipment and technology which will lead to a reduction in the discharge of pollutants into the world's oceans;
5. Welcomes the elaboration by States of further legislative and administrative measures to protect the marine environment;
6. Declares that co-ordination of the efforts of States and extensive international co-operation without discrimination of any kind are essential prerequisites for the effective solution of the problem of preventing pollution of the marine environment;
7. Draws the attention of all States to the need for ensuring the universality of international agreements and conventions on the protection of the marine environment;
8. Expresses its satisfaction at the measures taken by the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission for the preparation and implementation of a programme of global research on the pollution of the marine environment, and at the work done by IMCO in preparing an international convention for the prevention of pollution of the sea from ships.