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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

Norway: Draft Resolution on Preliminary Measures
to prevent and control Marine Pollution.

The General Assembly:

Recalling resolutions 2581 (XXIV), 2657 (XXV) and resolutions 2749 (XXV) and 2750 (XXV);

Taking note of the Secretary General's Report of May 7, 1971, on Prevention and Control of Marine Pollution (Doc. E/5003);

Recognizing the intensified use of the marine areas and the increasing importance of these areas to mankind;

Mindful of the grave and increasing threat of pollution to the marine environment endangering marine life, the ecology of the oceans and humanity as a whole;

Taking into account the valuable work undertaken by other organs of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies;

Drawing attention to the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Human Environment to be convened in June 1972 in Stockholm and hopeful of substantial achievements by this conference;

Recognizing that the prevention and control of marine pollution can only be solved through the concerted action of States at the international as well as the national level;

1. Draws the attention of Member States to the serious threats that the increasing pollution of the marine environment cause to our civilization and to the survival of humanity as a whole;

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2. Appeals to Member States - until adequate international instruments have been worked out - to take appropriate preliminary steps to prevent and control to the extent possible, marine pollution emanating from sources within their national jurisdiction;

3. Urges Member States to promulgate appropriate rules and regulations to this end;

4. Appeals to Member States to take adequate steps within their jurisdiction to prevent and control the indiscriminate dumping into the ocean of poisonous, toxic or hazardous substances or materials from vessels, barges or other means of transportation or from pipelines emptying into the sea, into rivers or lakes leading into the sea;

5. Appeals to Member States to take adequate steps to prevent and control to the extent possible, dangers of marine pollution stemming from the exploration and exploitation of the mineral resources on or in their national continental shelves;

6. Appeals to Member States to co-operate in establishing on a regional or universal basis effective monitoring systems in order to control marine pollution and the ecosystems of the marine environments;

7. Emphasizes that the steps thus taken in conformity with the present resolution shall in no manner prejudice the elaboration and enforcement of the broader multilateral conventional system aimed at, for the prevention and control of pollution.