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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

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

DRAFT ARTICLES ON RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

ARTICLE I:

Coastal States shall reserve the right to require minimum levels of insurance against pollution damage for all commercial vessels operating within their territorial waters and within a broad area adjacent to its coastline.

ARTICLE II:

Liability for any damage within or beyond national jurisdiction arising from activities within the national jurisdiction of coastal States shall be borne by the entity responsible for such damage. In the case of vessel source pollution, liability shall rest directly with the polluting agent or entity. With respect to damage arising from exploration and exploitation activities on the sea bed, liability shall rest with the offshore operator.