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SUB-COMMITTEE III

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE FORTIETH MEETING*/

held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Wednesday, 4 July 1973, at 3.30 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. van der ESSEN	Belgium
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. IGUCHI	Japan

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN, opening the meeting, welcomed the members of the Sub-Committee and announced that in the absence of Mr. Espinosa Valderrama, Mr. Diego Garces, permanent representative of Colombia, would act as Vice-Chairman.

He recalled that at the 1972 spring session the Sub-Committee had adopted a programme of work, consisting of four items: preservation of the marine environment, elimination and prevention of pollution, scientific research, and the development and transfer of technology. The Sub-Committee had already considered the first three items. He hoped that the fourth item, which had not yet been discussed, could be dealt with quickly. Regarding the programme of the Working Groups he said that one Working Group, dealing with marine pollution, had started its work at the last summer session. The other Working Group, which would deal with the items on scientific research and the development and transfer of technology, had been appointed at the end of the spring session under the chairmanship of Mr. Olszowka. The latter Working Group would start work Monday, 9 July, upon the arrival of its Chairman.

Mr. VELLA (Malta) said that it had been agreed at the last session to combine the consideration of the development and transfer of technology with that of scientific research. There now appeared to be a risk that consideration of the former item, which was most important, might be held up as a result.

The CHAIRMAN said that at the time of the decision to combine the two subjects it had also been decided to make an immediate start. The two items were in fact intimately linked, but if representatives were anxious to consider the development and transfer of technology first, he suggested that they should approach the Chairman of the Working Group with a proposal in that sense.

The meeting rose at 3.50 p.m.