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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 II

Draft Report of Sub-Committee II

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III. ADOPTION OF THE LIST OF SUBJECTS AND ISSUES RELATING TO THE LAW OF THE SEA

41. At its 45th meeting, held on 16 August 1972, the Sub-Committee approved the list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea resulting from the informal consultations and negotiations. The approved list is transmitted, through the Committee, to the General Assembly for its consideration. The list reads as follows:

"[text, including the explanatory note, to be inserted]"

42. It was agreed that items 6 and 7 might be treated simultaneously.

43. Certain delegations, in expressing and explaining their acceptance of the list, reiterated the importance they attached to the understanding referred to in the explanatory note. In particular, they emphasized their understanding that the list could in no way circumscribe the right of delegations to advance their ideas or points of view or prejudice their substantive positions on any item.

44. Some delegations reserved their position on certain items of the list. The relevant statements made thereon by such delegations are recorded in summary records A/AC.138/SC.II/SR.44 and 45 of Sub-Committee II.

IV. FUTURE WORK OF SUB-COMMITTEE II

45. On 16 August, following agreement in the Sub-Committee on the list of subjects and issues, the delegations of Australia and Canada tabled a paper containing proposals for the future organization of the work of Sub-Committee II. These are contained in document A/AC.138/SC.II/L.14, which is attached as annex Time was not available to give it detailed consideration. The hope was expressed, however, that early agreement would be reached on the organization of the future work of the Sub-Committee.

V. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

46. At its meeting, on August 1972, the Sub-Committee adopted the present report and decided to transmit it to the Committee.