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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

Proposals for the Future Organization of the Work of
Sub-Committee II submitted by Australia and Canada

1. Following agreement upon the list of subjects and issues, the question of the organization of the future work of Sub-Committee II should be the subject of consultations with a view to producing an understanding that will advance the work of the Committee.
2. A possible approach is outlined below. It includes two main stages.
3. The first step should be to separate from the list those subjects that are the responsibility of Sub-Committees I and III, and with which those Sub-Committees are already dealing, or will deal.
4. The second step might be to group the remainder, that is the subjects that fall within the mandate of Sub-Committee II, in several sections, so as to facilitate their more detailed consideration in the Sub-Committee.
5. Clearly some overlapping or duplication will occur, both between the items considered in the three Sub-Committees as well as between the subjects that are the particular responsibility of Sub-Committee II itself. Given, however, that the Sub-Committee will be responsible for co-ordinating the work of its working groups and the Committee for co-ordinating the work of the Sub-Committees, it should be possible to keep this overlapping to a minimum and to make whatever adjustments may be necessary as work progresses. The main requirement at this stage is for a flexible approach.

Suggested Division as between Sub-Committees^{*/}

Sub-Committee I

Item 1, relevant sections of items 9 and 10, items 14 - 15 (insofar as these concern the subject matter before Sub-Committee I), items 20 - 21 (insofar as these concern the subject matter before Sub-Committee I), item 23.

Sub-Committee II

Items 2 - 8, relevant sections of items 9 and 10, item 11, item 15 (insofar as this concerns the subject matter before Sub-Committee II), items 16 - 19, items 20 - 21, (insofar as these concern the subject matter before Sub-Committee II), item 24.

Sub-Committee III

Items 12 - 13, item 14 (insofar as this concerns the subject matter before Sub-Committee III), items 20 - 21 (insofar as these concern the subject matter before Sub-Committee III).

Items 22 and 25 could perhaps go to the Main Committee.

Suggested Programme of Work for Sub-Committee II

Section 1: items 5 - 7, 9 (relevant sections), 10 (relevant sections) and 11.

Section 2: items 2 - 4, 16 and 17.

Section 3: items 8 and 24.

Section 4: item 15.

Section 5: items 18 and 19.

Section 6: items 20 and 21.

^{*/} The numbering of items in this paper is on the basis that item 6 bis would be item 7, and the other items re-numbered accordingly.