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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

Turkey: draft article related to the following items:

2.3.1 Question of the delimitation of the territorial
sea; various aspects involved

5.3 Question of the delimitation between States;
various aspects involved

6.7.2 Delineation between adjacent and opposite States

1. Where the coasts of two or more States are adjacent or opposite to each other, the delimitation of the respective maritime boundaries shall be determined by agreement among them in accordance with equitable principles, taking into account all the relevant circumstances.

2. In the course of the negotiations which will be held with a view to arriving at an agreement, the States shall take into account, inter alia, special circumstances such as the general configuration of the respective coasts, the existence of islands or islets of another State and the physical and geological structure of the marine area involved, including the sea-bed and subsoil thereof.

3. The States shall make use of the methods envisaged in Article 33 of the United Nations Charter or other peaceful means and methods open to them, in order to resolve differences which may arise in the course of negotiations.

4. In the absence of special circumstances, due regard should be given to the principles of median line or equidistance in delimitation of respective boundaries.

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