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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

ITALY: DRAFT ARTICLE ON STRAITS

- (A) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (B), all ships and all aircraft shall enjoy, for purposes of transit through or over straits connecting two parts of the high seas or connecting part of the high seas with the territorial sea of a foreign State, the same freedom of navigation or overflight as exists on the high seas.

The freedom of transit shall be so exercised as to avoid all (unnecessary) obstruction of traffic. The coastal States may designate appropriate channels and corridors to be used by transit traffic passing through and over the straits.

- (B) Transit and overflight shall be governed by the provisions concerning innocent passage in straits which:
- (1) Are not more than six miles wide;
 - (2) Lie between coasts of the same State; and
 - (3) Are near other routes of communication between the parts of the sea connected by the straits.