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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 I

RECOMMENDATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE I ADOPTED AT ITS
66th MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 1973

Sub-Committee I recommends to the Main Committee that the Secretary-General be requested to describe factually, for the Sub-Committee's use at its summer session in 1973, examples of precedents of provisional application, pending their entry into force, of all or part of multilateral treaties, especially treaties which have established international organizations and/or régimes.

This recommendation is not a pronouncement on, nor does it prejudice in any way, the nature, characteristics, forms or structure of the régime and machinery for the sea-bed and the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction which are to be established, in the general context of the Law of the Sea to be considered at the forthcoming Conference. It does not constitute a recommendation on the advisability of the concept of provisional application of the régime and machinery, or on the relevance of past precedents. Nor does it prejudice the question whether only that part of a treaty relating to the régime and machinery concerning the sea-bed area beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and its resources would apply provisionally or whether provisions relating to other questions of the Law of the Sea would also apply provisionally. These questions have not been discussed by the Sub-Committee.
