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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

Turkey: draft article under point 23. Archaeological and
historical treasures on the sea-bed and ocean floor beyond
the limits of national jurisdiction

1. Archeological and historical treasures to be discovered during the exploration and exploitation of the area constitute a part of the common heritage of mankind and as such shall enjoy the protection of the International Authority.

The Authority shall bring the discovery of such treasures to the notice of member States.

2. The State of the country of origin shall have the right to acquire the treasure from the International Authority against payment.

In case the State of the country of origin opts not to exercise its right to acquire the treasure, the International Authority shall have the right to sell the treasure to authorized third parties or keep it in a museum belonging to the International Authority or to the United Nations.

3. The International Authority, in consultation with concerned specialized agencies of the United Nations, shall draw up rules for regulating the discovery, identification, protection, acquisition and disposal of the archeological and historical treasures discovered in the area.