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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

#### Note by the Chairman

1. Following the submission by the Chairman of a Note on the Organization of the Work of Sub-Committee I (A/AC.138/SC.1/L.4) at the beginning of the July/August session of the Sub-Committee, it was agreed that the work of the Sub-Committee should proceed in three broad stages. The first stage would consist of a general debate; this would be followed by consideration of specific items, before proceeding to the final stage, namely the preparation of draft articles on subjects falling within the mandate of the Sub-Committee.
2. It would appear that the first stage of the work of the Sub-Committee has been completed. The present note is therefore intended to indicate how the next stage might be approached.
3. If the Sub-Committee considers it appropriate at its next session (presumably in March 1972) to begin examination of specific issues, it is suggested that the following subjects might be considered, amongst others:
  - (a) Scope, type, status and functions of the international régime;
  - (b) Scope, structure, organization and powers of the international machinery;
  - (c) Economic factors and implications relating to an international régime.
4. It is understood that the report of the Secretary-General on the problems and needs of land-locked countries (A/AC.138/37 and Corr.1-2 English only) will remain under constant consideration and will form the background of the discussion of the relevant parts of the international régime.
5. For the consideration of these items delegations will have at their disposal among other documents an up-dated and expanded version of the "Analytical Summary of Proposals and Suggestions" (document A/AC.138/41), taking into account the discussion which took place at the July/August 1971 session and the comparative table of working papers presented on these topics.

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