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SUB-COMMITTEE I

Working Paper submitted by Australia and Jamaica

Tentative Programme of Work for 1972

Following their submission to the Sub-Committee on 16 and 18 August 1971 (Summary Records 21 and 23) and in the light of subsequent discussions in the Sub-Committee, the delegations of Australia and Jamaica submit this working paper suggesting a tentative programme of work for 1972.

In so doing, the delegations make the following points:-

- (a) The tentative programme is submitted as a basis for discussion.
- (b) The items mentioned are not exhaustive and the delegations would welcome suggestions for additional items or for the re-phrasing of items for inclusion in the programme of work.
- (c) It is envisaged that the order in which items would be discussed in the Sub-Committee would be settled when the programme of work is nearer finality.
- (d) It is felt that it would facilitate the work of the Sub-Committee, as well as being helpful to governments, if provisional agreement on a programme of work could be reached, either by informal or formal discussions during the course and before the conclusion of the twenty-sixth General Assembly.

In the light of the foregoing, the tentative programme of work suggested by Australia and Jamaica is as follows:

- "1. Scope and basic provisions of the regime, based on the Declaration of Principles, Resolution 2749 (XXV).

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2. Scope, functions and powers of the international machinery in relation to:
  - (a) organs of the international machinery, including composition, procedures and dispute settlement,
  - (b) rules and practices relating to activities for the exploration and exploitation of the resources of the area,
  - (c) the equitable sharing in the benefits to be derived from the area, bearing in mind the special interests and needs of developing countries, whether coastal or land-locked,
  - (d) the economic considerations and implications relating to the exploitation of the resources of the area,
  - (e) the particular needs and problems of land-locked countries,
  - (f) relationship of the international machinery to the United Nations system.

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It is understood that although discussions will proceed on one item at a time from among those set out above, reference may be made as necessary to other related matters including the question of the limits of the international area.

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