

of International Security and also its urgent appeal to all States to implement consistently and without any delay the provisions of the Declaration in its entirety;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the present favourable trends in bilateral, regional and multilateral relations, including the creation of zones of peace and co-operation in various areas of the world, will continue and that efforts to that end will be pursued and intensified, thus furthering the strengthening of international security, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Urges* all States to take measures towards the elimination of armed conflicts which threaten international peace and security, of colonialism, racism and alien domination and other situations persisting in different areas of the world which prevent peoples from exercising their right to self-determination and independence, in keeping with the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and in accordance with the Charter;

4. *Reaffirms* that any measure or pressure directed against any State while exercising its sovereign right freely to dispose of its natural resources constitutes a flagrant violation of the principles of self-determination of peoples and non-intervention, as set forth in the Charter, which, if pursued, could constitute a threat to international peace and security;

5. *Believes* that the co-ordinated consideration of related issues, *inter alia*, disarmament, peace-keeping and strengthening of the role of the United Nations, would to a large extent enhance the political and diplomatic effectiveness of the United Nations, including the work of the General Assembly, thus facilitating action towards the strengthening of international security;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-eighth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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**3029 (XXVII). Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea**

**A**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2467 (XXIII) of 21 December 1968, 2750 (XXV) of 17 December 1970 and 2881 (XXVI) of 21 December 1971,

*Having considered* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction on the work of its sessions in 1972,<sup>35</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the further progress made towards the preparations for a comprehensive international conference of plenipotentiaries on the law of the sea, including in particular acceptance of a list of subjects and issues relating to the law of the sea,

*Reaffirming* that the problems of ocean space are closely interrelated and need to be considered as a whole,

*Recalling* its decision, in resolution 2750 C (XXV), to convene a conference on the law of the sea in 1973,

*Expressing the expectation* that the conference may be concluded in 1974 and, if necessary, as may be decided by the conference with the approval of the General Assembly, at a subsequent session or subsequent sessions no later than 1975,

1. *Reaffirms* the mandate of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction set forth in General Assembly resolutions 2467 (XXIII) and 2750 (XXV), as supplemented by the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Committee, in the discharge of its mandate in accordance with resolution 2750 C (XXV), to hold two further sessions in 1973, one of five weeks in New York, beginning in early March, and the other of eight weeks at Geneva, beginning in early July, with a view to completing its preparatory work, and to submit a report with recommendations to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session and, in the light of the decision taken under paragraph 5 below, to the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene the first session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York for a period of approximately two weeks in November and December 1973, for the purpose of dealing with organizational matters, including the election of officers, the adoption of the agenda and the rules of procedure of the Conference, the establishment of subsidiary organs and the allocation of work to these organs;

4. *Decides* to convene the second session of the Conference, for the purpose of dealing with substantive work, at Santiago, Chile, for a period of eight weeks in April and May 1974 and such subsequent sessions, if necessary, as may be decided by the Conference and approved by the General Assembly, bearing in mind that the Government of Austria has offered Vienna as a site for the Conference for the succeeding year;

5. *Further decides* to review at its twenty-eighth session the progress of the preparatory work of the Committee and, if necessary, to take measures to facilitate completion of the substantive work for the Conference and any other action it may deem appropriate;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the efficient organization and administration of the Conference and the Committee, utilizing to the fullest extent possible the resources of staff at his disposal, to render to the Conference and the Committee all the assistance they may require in legal, economic, technical and scientific matters and to provide them with all relevant documentation of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

7. *Decides* to consider as a matter of priority at its twenty-eighth session any further matters requiring

<sup>35</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 21 (A/7721 and Corr.1).

decision in connexion with the Conference, including the participation of States in the Conference, and to include in the provisional agenda of that session the item entitled "Reservation exclusively for peaceful purposes of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, underlying the high seas beyond the limits of present national jurisdiction and use of their resources in the interests of mankind, and convening of a conference on the law of the sea";

8. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other intergovernmental organizations to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the preparations for the Conference and to send observers to the Conference;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, subject to approval by the Conference, to invite interested non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to send observers to the Conference;

10. *Decides* that the Conference and its main committees shall be provided with summary records of their proceedings.

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## B

### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2749 (XXV) of 17 December 1970, containing the Declaration of Principles Governing the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor, and the Subsoil Thereof, beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,

*Noting* that, in the said Declaration, the General Assembly declared, *inter alia*, that the exploration of the area of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction (hereinafter referred to as the area) and the exploitation of its resources should be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, and that an international régime applying to the area and its resources and including appropriate international machinery should be established,

*Realizing* that the economic significance of the area would depend on its final delimitation, as stated in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>36</sup>

*Considering* that there is a close relationship between any decision concerning the activities and functions of the international machinery and any decision concerning limits,

*Convinced* that information and data on the economic implications and significance for the area of the various proposals for limits would be helpful to the participants at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, particularly to developing States, many of which are not members of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,

<sup>36</sup> A/AC.138/36, A/AC.138/73.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of data and information at his disposal, a comparative study of the extent and the economic significance, in terms of resources, of the international area that would result from each of the various proposals on limits of national jurisdiction submitted so far to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit his study as soon as possible, but no later than the opening date of the session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction to be held in the summer of 1973;

3. *Invites* States, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the specialized agencies and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of such a study;

4. *Declares* that nothing in the present resolution or in the study shall prejudice the position of any State concerning limits, the nature of the régime and machinery or any other matter to be discussed at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

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## C

### *The General Assembly,*

*Convinced* of the importance to coastal States, for purposes of economic development and social progress, of the ocean resources adjacent to their coasts,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the information at his disposal and in connexion with the study to be submitted pursuant to resolution B above, a comparative study of the potential economic significance for riparian States, in terms of resources, of each of the various proposals on limits of national jurisdiction presented so far to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit his study as soon as possible, but no later than the opening date of the session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction, to be held in the summer of 1973, simultaneously with the study to be prepared under resolution B above;

3. *Declares* that nothing in the present resolution or in the study shall prejudice the position of any State concerning limits, the nature of the régime and machinery or any other matter to be discussed at the forthcoming United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

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