For the purposes of this Convention

1. "Activities in the Area" means all activities of exploration of the Area and the exploitation of its resources and other related activities, including scientific research.

2. "Geographically Disadvantaged State" means ...

3. ... (other terms to be added)

PART I: PRINCIPLES
THE AREA AND ITS LIMITS
Article 1

1. This Convention shall apply to the seabed and ocean floor and subsoil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, hereinafter called the "Area".

2. Each Party to this Convention shall notify the International Seabed Authority established pursuant to Article 23 (hereinafter called the "Authority"), of the limits referred to in paragraph 1 of this article defined by coordinates of latitude and longitude and shall indicate the same on appropriate large scale charts officially recognised by that State.

3. The Authority shall register and publish such notification in accordance with rules adopted by it for the purpose.

4. Nothing in this article shall affect the validity of any agreement between States or prejudice the decision of any State with respect to the establishment of limits between opposite or adjacent States.
(ii) Such installations shall not be located in the area where they may obstruct passage through sea lanes of vital importance for international shipping or in areas of intense fishing activity;

(iii) Safety zones shall be established around such installations with appropriate markings to ensure the safety both of the installations themselves and of shipping. The configuration and location of such safety zones shall not be such as to form a belt impeding the lawful access of shipping to particular maritime zones or navigation along international sea lanes;

(iv) Such installations shall be used exclusively for peaceful purposes;

(v) Such installations shall not possess the status of islands. They shall have no territorial sea, nor shall their presence affect the determination of territorial or jurisdictional limits of any kind.

2. All activities in the marine environment shall be conducted with reasonable regard for activities in the area.

RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CONVENTION AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE

Article 17

1. Every State shall have the responsibility to ensure that activities in the area, whether undertaken by governmental agencies, or non-governmental entities or persons under its jurisdiction, or acting on its behalf, shall be carried out in conformity with the provisions of this Convention. The same responsibility applies to international organizations and other members for activities undertaken by such organizations or on their behalf. Damage caused by such activities shall entail liability on the part of the State or international organization concerned, in respect of activities which it undertakes itself or authorizes.
2. A group of States or a group of international organizations, acting together shall be jointly and severally responsible under these articles.

3. Every State shall take appropriate measures to ensure that the responsibility provided for in paragraph 1 of this article shall apply mutatis mutandis to international organizations, of which it is a member.

PARTICIPATION OF LAND-LOCKED AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES AND THEIR ACCESS TO AND FROM THE AREA

Article 18

1. Land-locked States and other geographically disadvantaged States shall have the right of free access to and from the Area in order to enable them to derive benefits from the Area and its resources in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

2. Participation of land-locked and other geographically disadvantaged States parties to this Convention in activities in the Area shall be promoted and protected, having due regard to the special needs and interests of these States, in order to overcome the adverse effects of their disadvantaged geographical location on their economy and development.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL OBJECTS

Article 29

1. All objects of an archaeological and historical nature found in the Area shall be preserved or disposed of by the Authority for the benefit of the international community as a whole, particular regard being paid to the preferential rights of the State of country of origin, or the State of cultural origin, or the State of historical and archaeological origin.