FIRST COMMITTEE

REPORT ON ARTICLES 1-21

Article 1(C)

Printers' error; replace the word "space" by floor.

Article 2

COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND

(A) The Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind.

OR (B)

The Area and its resources are the common heritage of mankind. This principle shall be implemented and interpreted in accordance with the provisions of these articles.

Paragraph 2 ("Resources" interpreted) to be transferred to Article 0.7

Delete footnotes 5/ and 7/ on page 52 of the English text.

Article 3

(No change)

Transfer definition of "activities" to Article 0.

Article 4

Text in C.1/CRP.2

Article 5

(No change)

Article 6

(No change)

Article 7

The exploration of the Area and the exploitation of its resources shall be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, irrespective of the geographical location of States, whether land-locked or coastal, and taking into particular consideration the interests and needs of the developing countries.

Due regard shall be paid to the need to promote and protect the interests of land-locked and other geographically disadvantaged States in the development of the sea-bed resources.
Footnote: it was suggested that there might be an amalgamation of Articles 5 and 7 along the following lines:

The Area shall be open to use exclusively for peaceful purposes by all States without discrimination. Scientific research, the exploration and exploitation of its resources shall be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, irrespective of the geographical position of States, whether coastal or land-locked, and taking into particular consideration the interests and needs of the developing countries.

Delete footnotes 11, 12 and 13 on page 56 of the English text.

Article 8
(No change)

Article 9
(A)

(As on page 57 of the English text.)

OR (B)

All activities of exploration of the Area and of the exploitation of its resources and all other related activities including those of scientific research shall be conducted directly by the Authority.

The Authority may, if it considers it appropriate, and within the limits it may determine, confer certain tasks to juridical or natural persons, through service contracts, or association or through any other such means it may determine, which ensure its direct and effective control at all times over such activities.

OR (C)


OR (D)

(As on page 58 of the English text.)

Delete footnote 14 on page 58 of the English text.

Article 10

(A)

1. The exploration of the Area and the exploitation of its resources shall be carried out in an efficient manner so as to provide for orderly and safe development and maximum benefits to producers and consumers of raw materials and of products which are made from them. Such resources development shall ensure expanding opportunities in the use thereof and ensure the equitable sharing by States Parties in the benefits derived therefrom, taking into particular consideration the interests and needs of the developing countries, whether land-locked or coastal.