Proposed Amendments to the Committee I Single Negotiating Text

Part I: Interpretation

Article 1
For the purposes of this Part

(i) A thorough review of "definitions" will need to be carried out at a later time.

(ii) "Activities in the Area" means all activities of exploration for, and exploitation of, the resources of the Area.

(iii) "Resources" means mineral resources in situ.

Part II: Principles - The Area and Its Limits

Article 2

1. This Part shall apply...

2. States Parties to this Convention shall notify the International Seabed Resources Authority established pursuant to Article 21 (hereinafter called the "Authority"). of the limits referred to in paragraph 1 of this article and determine by co-ordinates of latitude and longitude and shall indicate the same on appropriate large scale charts officially recognized by that State.

3. The Authority shall register...

4. Nothing in this article shall affect...

Article 3
No amendment proposed.

Article 4 (No claim or Exercise of Sovereignty or other Rights)

1. No State shall claim...

2. No State or person, natural or juridical, shall claim, acquire or exercise rights with respect to the resources of the Area except in accordance with the provisions of this Part. Otherwise, no such claim, acquisition or exercise of such rights shall be recognized.

Article 5 (General Conduct in the Area and in Relation to the Area)

States shall act in, and in relation to, the Area in accordance with the provisions of this Part, the United Nations Charter and applicable principles of international law in the interests of maintaining international peace and security and promoting international cooperation and mutual understanding.

Article 6 (Activities in the Area)

Activities in the Area shall be governed by the provisions of this Part and shall be subject to regulation and supervision by the Authority as provided herein.

Article 7 (Benefit of Mankind as a Whole)

Activities in the Area shall be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, irrespective of the geographical location of States, whether coastal or land-locked, and taking into particular consideration the interests and needs of the developing countries in accordance with the provisions of Article 23.

Article 8 (Reservation and Use of the Area Exclusively for Peaceful Purposes)

The Area shall be open to use exclusively for peaceful purposes by all States Parties, whether coastal or land-locked, without discrimination.
provisions of this Part. The same responsibility applies to inter-
national organizations for activities in the Area undertaken by such
organizations. Damage caused by such activities shall entail liability.

2. A group of States Parties ...
3. States Parties shall ...

Article 19 (Participation of Developing Countries, including Land-
locked and Other Geographically Disadvantaged States)

The fact that a country is land-locked or geographically disadvan-
taged shall not constitute an obstacle to its participation in ac-
tivities of exploration for, and exploitation of, the resources of the
Area. Special consideration for land-locked or geographically disad-
vantaged countries shall be in accordance with Article 23.

Article 20 (Archaeological and Historical Objects)

Delete.

Part III: The International Sea-Bed Resource Authority

Article 20 (Establishment of the International Sea-Bed Resource
Authority)

1. There is hereby established the International Sea-Bed Resource
Authority which shall function in accordance with the provisions
of this Part.

2. All States Parties to this Convention are ipso facto members
of the Authority.

3. The seat of the Authority ...

4. The Authority may establish ...

Article 21 (Nature and Fundamental Principles of the Functioning
of the Authority)

1. The purpose of the Authority is to promote exploration for, and
exploitation of the resources of the Area. The Authority shall to
that end supervise activities in the Area in accordance with the
provisions of this Part.

2. The Authority is based ...

3. All Members ...

Article 22 (Functions of the Authority)

1. Activities in the Area shall be conducted directly by the
Authority in accordance with Annex I and the rules, regulations and
procedures adopted by the Authority under Article 28 (xi) through
the Enterprise established pursuant to Article 33 by means of entering
into contracts with the Authority.

2. Activities in the Area shall also be conducted directly by States
Parties, or State enterprises, or persons natural or juridical which
possess the nationality of States Parties, or are effectively con-
trolled by them or their nationals, when sponsored by such States,
or any group of the foregoing, in accordance with Annex I and the
rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority under
Article 28 (xi), by means of entering into contracts with the
Authority.

3. All contracts entered into by the Authority pursuant to paragraphs
1 and 2 of this article for activities in the Area shall ensure
effective fiscal and administrative supervision over such activities
and shall be drawn in accordance with Annex I. State Parties spon-
soring persons natural or juridical under paragraph 2 of this article
shall be responsible for taking all appropriate measures to ensure
that such persons comply with the provisions of this Part, Annex I,
and the rules, regulations and procedures adopted by the Authority
under Article 28 (xi).