

**1969 UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2574 (XXIV) (D):
QUESTION OF THE 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 THE USE OF
THEIR RESOURCES IN THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND**

Adopted in New York, USA on 15 December 1969

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2467 A (XXIII) of 21 December 1968 to the effect that the exploitation of the resources of the sea-bed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction should be carried out for the benefit of mankind as a whole, irrespective of the geographical location of States, taking into account the special interests and needs of the developing countries,

Convinced that it is essential, for the achievement of this purpose, that such activities be carried out under an international regime including appropriate international machinery,

Noting that this matter is under consideration by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction,

Recalling its resolution 2340 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 on the importance of preserving the seabed and the ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction from actions and uses which might be detrimental to the common interests of mankind,

Declares that, pending the establishment of the aforementioned international regime:

- (a) States and persons, physical or juridical, are bound to refrain from all activities of exploitation of the resources of the area of the sea-bed and ocean floor and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction;
- (b) No claim to any part of that area or its resources shall be recognized.