

# International Control of the Seabed

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Aware of the exploitation already being undertaken by technologically advanced nations and by private companies,

Realising that this exploitation will widen the gap between developed and developing nations,

Concerned about the depletion of fishing stocks due to overfishing by sophisticated fishing fleets,

Calls on all participants at the Third UN Law of the Sea Conference at Caracas

- to abide by the 1970 Declaration of Principles, which was adopted unanimously, declaring the sea-bed and ocean floor, and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction to be the common heritage of mankind,
- and to be willing to sacrifice national interests for the common good in setting up an international regime to control the exploitation of the ocean environment and the equitable distribution on a global basis of both mineral and living resources for the benefit of all mankind.