

**Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the  
Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons  
and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed  
and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof**

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PROPOSAL OF THE DELEGATION OF JAPAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DECLARATION

Article III

The Conference attaches great importance to the verification provisions of the Treaty and notes that any disarmament treaty should be accompanied by strict international control to ensure compliance with obligations assumed under such a treaty.

Recognizing the necessity for improving the verification procedures provided for in Article III, the Conference considers that it is desirable to establish an international machinery for verification, such as a Consultative Committee, with a view to securing the effective operation of the Sea-Bed Treaty.

Pending the establishment of such a machinery, the Conference recommends that the provision of Article III, paragraph 5, should be interpreted as including the extension of the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for providing assistance to those States, for example, possessing no satisfactory verification means of their own that desire such assistance with regard to verification.