

**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 INDIA FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT

The delegation of India suggests that the following ideas may be reflected in the final declaration/document which will be issued at the end of the Conference.

(i) The Conference is happy to note that no violations of the provisions of the Sea-Bed Treaty have come to notice.

(ii) The area of the Sea-Bed and Ocean Floor and the sub-soil thereof beyond the limits of national jurisdiction and its resources are the common heritage of mankind. This area shall be open to use exclusively for peaceful purposes.

(iii) No country may, without the request or consent of a coastal State, take any measures in its continental shelf and the Sea-Bed of its exclusive economic zone for the implementation of article III of the Treaty which might be prejudicial to the sovereign rights of a coastal State in its continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone.