

**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 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR
INCLUSION IN THE FINAL DECLARATION**

ARTICLE V

The Conference affirms the importance of Article V's obligation on States Parties to continue negotiations in good faith on further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the sea-bed. The Conference expresses its satisfaction that it has identified no present threat of such an arms race, and that in the five years since the Treaty's entry into force negotiations in the field of disarmament on subjects other than the prevention of an arms race on the sea-bed have reduced the risk of such a race. Noting, however, the value of timely negotiations devoted specifically to the question of the sea-bed, the Conference requests the Conference of the Committee on Disarmament to consider the proposals made during this Conference for further measures for the prevention of an arms race on the sea-bed, giving due regard to the priorities of its programme, and to the need cited under Article VII of this document for an organized inquiry into relevant technological developments.

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