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Article II

With regard to the reference set forth in Article II of the Sea-bed Treaty to the Geneva Convention of 29 April 1958 on the territorial sea and the contiguous zone, the Conference, while recognizing the great importance of the negotiations now in progress at the Conference on the Law of the Sea, expresses the opinion that the new legal régime of the sea which might emerge as the result of such negotiation will not in any way affect the extent of the rights and obligations deriving from the Sea-bed Treaty, nor alter the delimitation of the portion of the sea-bed, the ocean floor and the subsoil thereof to which the undertakings set forth in Article I apply.

Any modifications of the rights and obligations deriving from the Sea-bed Treaty shall be negotiated in the framework of the amendment procedure provided for by Article VI.