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- (a) QUESTION OF THE RESERVATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, UNDERLYING THE HIGH SEAS BEYOND THE LIMITS OF PRESENT NATIONAL JURISDICTION, AND THE USE OF THEIR RESOURCES IN THE INTERESTS OF MANKIND
- (b) MARINE POLLUTION AND OTHER HAZARDOUS AND HARMFUL EFFECTS WHICH MIGHT ARISE FROM THE EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND THE SUBSOIL THEREOF, BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION
- (c) VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CONVENING AT AN EARLY DATE A CONFERENCE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
- (d) QUESTION OF THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND RELATED MATTERS

Report of the First Committee

Corrigendum

Replace paragraphs 25, 26 and 27 by the following:

25. At the 1800th meeting, on 16 December, the representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution, orally amended its paragraph 2 by: (1) adding in the eighth line after the word "including" the words "the question of"; (2) adding in the tenth line after the word "including" the words "the question of"; and (3) placing in parentheses, in the last phrase, the words "including inter alia the prevention of pollution". He stated on behalf of the sponsors that the position of no delegation concerning the exclusion or the inclusion of any item on the agenda of the 1973 Conference should or would be prejudiced by the essentially procedural draft resolution (A/C.1/L.562). With respect to the equally important question of priorities, it was the intention and understanding of the sponsors that all urgent questions of the law of the sea

should receive attention commensurate with their urgency in the preparatory work undertaken by the Committee. He added that by the reference in paragraph 2 to "preferential fishing rights" there was no intention to prejudice the substance of that issue.

26. The representatives of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands stated that they were prepared to withdraw their amendments (A/C.1/L.563) on the assumption that the understanding of the interpretation of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/L.562, as expressed by the representative of Canada, reflected the view of all its sponsors. The representative of the Netherlands added that he also assumed that that understanding would be duly recorded in the Rapporteur's report.

27. The representative of Japan said that his delegation would not press its amendment (A/C.1/L.565) to a vote. He stated that he did so on the understanding that the procedural draft resolution (A/C.1/L.562) did not prejudice the position of any delegation on the substance of the matter. He added that the inclusion of the words "the question of" in paragraph 2 thereof had made clear to his delegation that the use of the words "preferential rights" would not prejudice the position of any delegation in the future preparatory work.
