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RESERVATION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES
OF THE SEABED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR

Text of statement to be made in the First
Committee by the Canadian Representative,
Mr. Allan Gotlieb, on November 15, 1967.

Mr. Chairman,

The question that the distinguished representative of Malta has taken the initiative of placing before this Assembly is one to which Canada attaches the greatest importance, not only because we are a state with a long standing interest in the resources of the sea and in oceanographic research but also because we recognize that this organization is now seized with what is probably the last remaining area of man's knowledge of his immediate environment still unexplored. This committee has already heard from the Representative of Malta and other participants in this debate of the important resources which modern technology may soon be placing within the grasp of mankind by making possible the exploration and use of the seabed and the sub-soil of the abyssal depths of the oceans. I do not intend to repeat what has already been said so