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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION TO SECSTATE FROM GENEVA, 26 JUNE 70,  
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SUBJECT: UN DD-II - SHIPPING

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1. UNCTAD SECGEN INFORMAL AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON SHIPPING LANGUAGE FOR II DD REACHED FULL AGREEMENT AFTER TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS. SECGEN CHAIRED ALL MEETINGS. LEONARD (FRANCE), SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP B, VALENTE (BRAZIL) FOR GROUP OF 77. SPAIN ONLY GROUP B MEMBER NOT PARTICIPATING. ON ASSISTANCE TO SHIPPING PARAGRAPH GROUP B SUBMITTED DRAFT PROPOSAL INCORPORATING U.S. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE TO QUALIFY "MEASURES." HOWEVER, U.S. LANGUAGE FLATLY REJECTED BY GROUP OF 77 AND ONLY WEAKLY SUPPORTED BY OTHER B MEMBERS INCLUDING UK (MCQUEEN) AND NORWAY (OMTVEDT).

2. LANGUAGE AS FINALLY ADOPTED HAD UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF GROUP B AND READS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN ORDER THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE AN INCREASING AND SUBSTANTIAL PARTICIPATION IN THE CARRIAGE OF MARITIME CARGOES, AND RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO REVERSE THE EXISTING TREND WHEREBY THE SHARE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD MERCHANT FLEET HAS BEEN DECLINING INSTEAD OF INCREASING, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ENABLED TO EXPAND THEIR NATIONAL AND MULTI-NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINES THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF SUCH

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MEASURES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO PERMIT THEIR SHIPOWNERS TO  
COMPETE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT MARKET AND THUS CONTRIBUTE  
TO A SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF SHIPPING."

3. ON OTHER ITEM OF MAJOR INTEREST TO U.S. (PARAGRAPH ON BULK  
CARGOES) GROUP OF 77 AGREED WITH GROUP B SUGGESTION TO DELETE  
THEIR PARAGRAPH AND INCLUDE WORDING "INCLUDING TANKER AND BULK  
CARRIER FLEETS" IN PARAGRAPH ON FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE.

4. AGREED TEXT BEING POUCHED.

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