

**Section of International Law; Section of Natural Resources Law (Midyear Meeting  
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BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association endorses the longstanding policy of the United States Government that any future comprehensive Law of the Sea Treaty to which the United States becomes a party must provide assured access for the United States and its citizens to the resources of the seabed and subsoil beyond the limits of national jurisdiction, and that such access must be under reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms and conditions, with security of tenure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association endorses efforts directed toward the enactment of interim domestic legislation to promote the orderly development of mineral resources in the seabed, on the basis of the freedom of the high seas, pending entry into force for the United States of a superseding international agreement.