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On the Basic Ocean Law of Japan: Its Significance and Foresight <Comment>

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I. International Context

- Canada: 1996 Enactment of Ocean Act- emphasis of the protection of marine environment
- Australia: 1998 Adoption of Ocean Policy- protection of marine environment: consistency of management for ocean policy
- USA: 2000 Enactment of Ocean Act – establishment of Commission on Ocean Policy

II. Characteristics of Basic Ocean Law(1)

1. Comprehensiveness
2. Needs of Adjustment
 - development and protection of marine environment
 - fisheries and mining

What principle or basic policy will be adopted?

III. Characteristics of Basic Ocean Law(2)

- The Position of International Cooperation

Needs of the international cooperation in the marine sector eg. “piracy”

- What are the real effects of Basic Ocean Law upon international cooperation?

Conclusion

- Very Unique Enterprise
- The Importance of the Ocean Policy has been Strongly Impressed.
- The Real Value Depends upon the Future Efforts to Utilize the Basic Ocean Law. The Law is the Basic Framework in which Future Efforts will be Made.
- Even the Priorities of Various Sorts of Ocean Policies should be Determined in the Future.