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ITSSD: Americans' Constitutional Rights Will Be Trampled Unless Congress Convenes Public Hearings on the UN Law of the Sea Convention

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PRINCETON, N.J., May 5 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In a new article appearing within the forthcoming issue of the Santa Clara Journal of International Law entitled, *What Goes Around, Comes Around: How UNCLOS Ratification Will Herald Europe's Precautionary Principle as US Law*, international attorney Lawrence Kogan calls upon all Americans to immediately exercise their constitutionally guaranteed 'right to know'. This article identifies the multiple pathways through which global environmental extremists, US trans-nationalists, and the 111th Congressional supermajority seek to use the highly complex United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) as a loading platform from which to import into the American heartland very harmful UN and European-anchored environmental treaty and customary international law rules. "Unless the public demands due process of law from their congressional representatives," emphasized Kogan, "such rules, resembling rogue waves, will collectively override US sovereignty and the supremacy of the US Constitution and its accompanying Bill of Rights"...

[The UNEP Shelf Programme, a programme of UNEP/GRID-Arendal, began with a Feasibility Study in 2003 following a resolution of the UN General Assembly calling on UNEP's GRID network **to coordinate work on marine data related to Article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.**

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