

**PROTOCOL OF 2005 TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF  
UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON  
THE CONTINENTAL SHELF**

THE STATES PARTIES to this Protocol,

BEING PARTIES to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf done at Rome on 10 March 1988,

RECOGNIZING that the reasons for which the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation was elaborated also apply to fixed platforms located on the continental shelf,

TAKING account of the provisions of those Protocols,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

For the purposes of this Protocol:

- 1 “1988 Protocol” means the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, done at Rome on 10 March 1988.
- 2 “Organization” means the International Maritime Organization.
- 3 “Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the Organization.

**ARTICLE 2**

**Article 1, paragraph 1, of the 1988 Protocol is replaced by the following text:**

- 1 The provisions of article 1, paragraphs 1(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) and 2(a), of articles 2*bis*, 5, 5*bis* and 7, and of articles 10 to 16, including articles 11*bis*, 11*ter* and 12*bis*, of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, as amended by the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, shall also apply *mutatis mutandis* to the offences set forth in articles 2, 2*bis* and 2*ter* of this Protocol where such offences are committed on board or against fixed platforms located on the continental shelf.

**ARTICLE 3**

- 1 **Article 2, paragraph 1(d) of the 1988 Protocol is replaced by the following text:**

- (d) places or causes to be placed on a fixed platform, by any means whatsoever, a device or substance which is likely to destroy that fixed platform or likely to endanger its safety.

**2 Article 2, paragraph 1(e) of the 1988 Protocol is deleted.**

**3 Article 2, paragraph 2 of the 1988 Protocol is replaced by the following text:**

- 2 Any person also commits an offence if that person threatens, with or without a condition, as is provided for under national law, aimed at compelling a physical or juridical person to do or refrain from doing any act, to commit any of the offences set forth in paragraphs 1(b) and (c), if that threat is likely to endanger the safety of the fixed platform.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

**1 The following text is inserted as article 2bis:**

##### **Article 2bis**

Any person commits an offence within the meaning of this Protocol if that person unlawfully and intentionally, when the purpose of the act, by its nature or context, is to intimidate a population, or to compel a government or an international organization to do or to abstain from doing any act:

- (a) uses against or on a fixed platform or discharges from a fixed platform any explosive, radioactive material or BCN weapon in a manner that causes or is likely to cause death or serious injury or damage; or
- (b) discharges, from a fixed platform, oil, liquefied natural gas, or other hazardous or noxious substance, which is not covered by subparagraph (a), in such quantity or concentration that causes or is likely to cause death or serious injury or damage; or
- (c) threatens, with or without a condition, as is provided for under national law, to commit an offence set forth in subparagraph (a) or (b).

**2 The following text is inserted as Article 2ter:**

##### **Article 2ter**

Any person also commits an offence within the meaning of this Protocol if that person:

- (a) unlawfully and intentionally injures or kills any person in connection with the commission of any of the offences set forth in article 2, paragraph 1, or article 2bis; or
- (b) attempts to commit an offence set forth in article 2, paragraph 1, article 2bis, subparagraph (a) or (b), or subparagraph (a) of this article; or
- (c) participates as an accomplice in an offence set forth in article 2, article 2bis or subparagraph (a) or (b) of this article; or
- (d) organizes or directs others to commit an offence set forth in article 2, article 2bis or subparagraph (a) or (b) of this article; or

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- (e) contributes to the commission of one or more offences set forth in article 2, article *2bis* or subparagraph (a) or (b) of this article, by a group of persons acting with a common purpose, intentionally and either:
  - (i) with the aim of furthering the criminal activity or criminal purpose of the group, where such activity or purpose involves the commission of an offence set forth in article 2 or *2bis*; or
  - (ii) in the knowledge of the intention of the group to commit an offence set forth in article 2 or *2bis*.

## ARTICLE 5

### 1 Article 3, paragraph 1 of the 1988 Protocol is replaced by the following text:

- 1 Each State Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in articles 2, *2bis* and *2ter* when the offence is committed:
  - (a) against or on board a fixed platform while it is located on the continental shelf of that State; or
  - (b) by a national of that State.

### 2 Article 3, paragraph 3 of the 1988 Protocol is replaced by the following text:

- 3 Any State Party which has established jurisdiction mentioned in paragraph 2 shall notify the Secretary-General. If such State Party subsequently rescinds that jurisdiction, it shall notify the Secretary-General.

### 3 Article 3, paragraph 4 of the 1988 Protocol is replaced by the following text:

- 4 Each State Party shall take such measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences set forth in articles 2, *2bis* and *2ter* in cases where the alleged offender is present in its territory and it does not extradite the alleged offender to any of the States Parties which have established their jurisdiction in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2.

## ARTICLE 6

### Interpretation and application

- 1 The 1988 Protocol and this Protocol shall, as between the Parties to this Protocol, be read and interpreted together as one single instrument.
- 2 Articles 1 to 4 of the 1988 Protocol, as revised by this Protocol, together with articles 8 to 13 of this Protocol shall constitute and be called the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, 2005 (2005 SUA Fixed Platforms Protocol).

## ARTICLE 7

**The following text is added as article 4bis of the Protocol:**

### **Final clauses of the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, 2005**

The final clauses of the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, 2005, shall be articles 8 to 13 of the Protocol of 2005 to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf. References in this Protocol to States Parties shall be taken to mean references to States Parties to the 2005 Protocol.

## FINAL CLAUSES

### ARTICLE 8

#### **Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval and accession**

- 1 This Protocol shall be open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization from 14 February 2006 to 13 February 2007 and shall thereafter remain open for accession.
- 2 States may express their consent to be bound by this Protocol by:
  - (a) signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or
  - (b) signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval; or
  - (c) accession.
- 3 Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General.
- 4 Only a State which has signed the 1988 Protocol without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or has ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the 1988 Protocol may become a Party to this Protocol.

### ARTICLE 9

#### **Entry into force**

- 1 This Protocol shall enter into force ninety days following the date on which three States have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with the Secretary-General. However, this Protocol shall not enter into force before the Protocol of 2005 to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation has entered into force.

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- 2 For a State which deposits an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in respect of this Protocol after the conditions in paragraph 1 for entry into force thereof have been met, the ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall take effect ninety days after the date of such deposit.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **Denunciation**

- 1 This Protocol may be denounced by any State Party at any time after the date on which this Protocol enters into force for that State.
- 2 Denunciation shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of denunciation with the Secretary-General.
- 3 A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer period as may be specified in the instrument of denunciation, after the deposit of the instrument with the Secretary-General.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **Revision and amendment**

- 1 A conference for the purpose of revising or amending this Protocol may be convened by the Organization.
- 2 The Secretary-General shall convene a conference of States Parties to this Protocol for revising or amending the Protocol, at the request of one third of the States Parties, or five States Parties, whichever is the higher figure.
- 3 Any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited after the date of entry into force of an amendment to this Protocol shall be deemed to apply to the Protocol as amended.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **Depositary**

- 1 This Protocol and any amendments adopted under article 11 shall be deposited with the Secretary-General.
- 2 The Secretary-General shall:
  - (a) inform all States which have signed this Protocol or acceded to this Protocol of:
    - (i) each new signature or deposit of an instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession together with the date thereof;
    - (ii) the date of the entry into force of this Protocol;

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- (iii) the deposit of any instrument of denunciation of this Protocol together with the date on which it is received and the date on which the denunciation takes effect;
    - (iv) any communication called for by any article of this Protocol; and
  - (b) transmit certified true copies of this Protocol to all States which have signed or acceded to this Protocol.
- 3 As soon as this Protocol enters into force, a certified true copy of the text shall be transmitted by the Secretary-General to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for registration and publication in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **Languages**

This Protocol is established in a single original in the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

DONE AT LONDON this fourteenth day of October two thousand and five.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments for that purpose, have signed this Protocol.