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Proposed additional paragraph under Article 3

Submitted by the United States

Nothing in the Article shall be construed as derogating from the sovereign rights of the Contracting States under international law over the sea-bed and sub-soil adjacent to their coasts for the purposes of exploration and exploitation of its natural resources.