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DRAFT TEXT OF THE POLLUTION CONVENTION

Text of Article 3 as agreed by the Committee

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Application

- (1) The present Convention shall apply to:
 - (a) Ships entitled to fly the flag of a Contracting State [including the territories to which reference is made in Article 19(2)]* and
 - (b) Ships not entitled to fly the flag of a Contracting State but which operate under the authority of a Contracting State.

- (2) Nothing in this Article shall be construed as derogating from or extending 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 their natural resources.

- (3) The present Convention shall not apply to any warship, naval auxiliary or other ship owned or operated by a State and used for the time being, only on government non-commercial service. However, each Contracting State shall ensure by the adoption of appropriate measures not impairing the operations or operational capabilities of such ships owned or operated by it, that such ship act in a manner consistent, so far as is reasonable and practicable, with the present Convention.

* The inclusion of these words will be considered after consideration of Article 19.
