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Committee I

DRAFT TEXT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Texts of Articles 13, 14 and 15 as agreed by the Committee

Article 13

Signature, Ratification, Acceptance Approval and Accession

- (1) The present Convention shall remain open for signature at the Headquarters of the Organization for twelve months from 1973, and shall thereafter remain open for accession. States may become Parties to the present Convention 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.
- (2) Ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be affected by the deposit of an instrument to that effect with the Secretary-General of the Organization.
- (3) The Organization shall inform all States which have signed the present Convention or acceded to it of the deposit of any new instrument and the

date of its deposit. The Organization shall also inform all States which have already signed the present Convention of any signature effected during the twelve months from 1973^{1/}.

Article 15^{2/}

Optional Annexes^{3/}

(1) A State may at the time of signing, ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the present Convention declare that it does not accept any one or all of Annexes III, IV and V (hereinafter referred to as "operational Annexes") of the present Convention. Every new Annex to the present Convention shall be considered as an optional Annex unless otherwise specified therein. Subject to the above, States shall be bound by any Annex in its entirety.

(2) A State which has declared that it is not bound by an optional Annex may at any time accept such Annex by depositing with the Organization an Instrument of the kind referred to in Article 13(2).

(3) A State which makes a declaration under paragraph (1) of this Article in respect of an optional Annex and which has not subsequently accepted that Annex in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Article shall not be under any obligation nor entitled to claim any privileges under the present Convention in respect of matters related to such Annex and all references to Contracting States in the present Convention shall not include that State insofar as matters related to such Annex are concerned.

^{1/} The Drafting Committee is requested to consider a proposal by Spain (MP/CONF/8/13, pages 6 and 7) to transfer the substance of this paragraph and other paragraphs in Articles 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 relating to the duties of the depositary into Article 20 of the Convention with consequential deletion of these paragraphs.

^{2/} Article 14 of the draft Convention has been deleted. The Committee also considered it unnecessary to include an Article on Suspension in Cases of War (Footnote 43/).

^{3/} The Drafting Committee is invited to consider the possibility of deleting the word "Optional" from the title of this Article.

(4) The Organization shall inform the States which have signed or acceded to the present Convention of any declaration under this Article as well as the receipt of any instrument deposited in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article^{4/}.

^{4/} See footnote 1/.