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

Statement by New Zealand in relation to Article 9

The New Zealand Government is disappointed at the failure of this Conference to adopt draft Article 9 (Powers of Parties to the Convention). In so far as that Article preserved a coastal state's powers to take more stringent measures in the field of pollution control in its marine environment whilst conceding the value of international uniformity of standards in respect of ship design and equipment (except where waters are exceptionally vulnerable), the New Zealand Government considered it worthy of support.

Nonetheless it is the view of the New Zealand Government that the failure of the Conference to adopt the draft Article in no way restricts or otherwise affects its right, and that of any other state, to take within its jurisdiction more stringent measures as and when necessary in respect of any matter to which the Convention relates.
