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

Statement by the Philippines in relation to
Article 9

The Philippine Government deeply regrets the failure of this Conference to adopt draft Article 9. Because of its archipelagic nature, the Philippines is especially vulnerable to marine pollution by ships. 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 Philippines Government considered it worthy of support.

It is the view of the Philippine Government that the failure of the Conference to adopt the draft Article in no way restricts or otherwise affects its right to take within its jurisdiction more stringent measures, when necessary, in respect of any matter to which the Convention relates. The Philippines does not consider the deletion of Article 9 as affecting her inherent right as a sovereign State to enact measures for the prevention of pollution and the protection of her marine environment.
