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

Statement by the delegation of New Zealand
relating to the explanatory statement made by the
delegation of the USSR after the adoption of the
Convention as a whole on the meaning of the phrase
"within the jurisdiction" in the context of the present Convention

The New Zealand delegation does not accept the statement made by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the effect that the phrase "within the jurisdiction" in the context of the present Convention is to be interpreted as meaning the "territorial waters within 12 nautical miles".

As stated in Article 9(3) of the Convention, the term "jurisdiction" is to be "construed in the light of international law in force at the time of application or interpretation of the present Convention".

It is the considered view of the New Zealand delegation that there is no existing rule in international law which restricts the interpretation of the term "jurisdiction" in the context of this Convention in the way advanced by the delegation of the USSR.
