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

## Statement by the delegations of Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay

The delegations of Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay state again the fact that the question of the content and extent of the jurisdiction of coastal States over the waters, sea-bed and subsoil thereof adjacent to their coasts is not defined in the contractual international law in force. They affirm that this question should be understood in the light of the practice of States, as a source of international law, and, in particular, the practice of extending the limits of the sovereignty or jurisdiction of coastal States up to 200 nautical miles from their coasts.