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

Statement by the delegation of Argentina

The Argentine delegation reaffirms that the question of the content and extent of the jurisdiction of a coastal State over the waters, sea-bed and subsoil thereof adjacent to its coasts is not defined in the contractual international law in force and should be interpreted in the light of the other sources of international law, which include the practice of States. Therefore, this delegation cannot accept any interpretation which intends to limit the term jurisdiction to the territorial sea. It declares in this connexion that nothing in the adopted Convention affects or impairs the rights of the Argentine Republic as regards its maritime jurisdiction and its declared juridical position on this matter.