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CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION AND THE DRAFT PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

DRAFT CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION

Observations submitted by the Government of Cuba

Cuba suggests the insertion in the preamble to the draft Convention of a text worded as follows:

"RECALLING resolution A-42-832 adopted on 3 December 1987 by the General Assembly of the United Nations reaffirming the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and other forms of alien domination and upholding the legitimacy of their struggle, in particular the struggle of national liberation movements, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter and of the Declaration on the Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations."

In the text of the draft Convention:

In accordance with the principle contained in article 5 recognizing the right of every State Party to make the offences set forth in article 3 punishable by appropriate penalties which take into account the grave nature of those offences, a principle reaffirmed in article 12, paragraph 2, which makes it incumbent on States Parties to carry out their obligations under paragraph 1 of the same article in conformity with treaties on mutual judicial assistance that may exist between

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them, the Republic of Cuba proposes the insertion of an article, which might be article 15(bis), worded as follows:

Article 15(bis)

For the effective attainment of the objectives of this Convention, the Parties shall undertake the analysis and study of bilateral agreements in order to co-operate in the implementation of their provisions.