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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF MARITIME NAVIGATION -

Committee of the Whole Agenda item 3

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

Results of informal consultations on Articles 4 and 5

Article 4:

- 1 This Convention applies if the ship is navigating or its schedule includes navigation into, through or from waters beyond the territorial sea of any one State.
- In cases where the Convention does not apply pursuant to paragraph 1, it nevertheless applies when the offender or the alleged offender is found in the territory of a State Party other than the State referred to under paragraph 1.

Article 5 - delete

Statement to be incorporated in the Final Act of the Conference

Some delegations wanted to include a reference to straits used for international navigation in Article 4(1). It was pointed out that this was not necessary since by definition such straits connect two parts of the high seas and vessels transitting through them are

therefore expected to travel beyond the territorial sea of a State bordering a strait. Therefore, the Convention will apply in straits used for international navigation.