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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

Report following the third session of informal consultations on the Protocol

- 1 Several States (Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States) interested in the Protocol held its third session of informal consultations on the Protocol.
- 2 The group reviewed article 4 of the Protocol in view of the Drafting Committee's consideration of article 9 of the Convention. The Group agreed to the following text of article 4:

"Nothing in this Protocol shall affect in any way the rules of international law pertaining to the competence of States to exercise investigative or enforcement jurisdiction on fixed platforms located on their continental shelf."

3 The group agreed to the text of the final clauses of the Protocol as recommended by the Drafting Committee.

- The group also considered the number of States required to bring the Protocol into force. Recognizing that the Protocol is a multilateral instrument, the group recommends that the word "two" be replaced with "three" in paragraph 1 of article 6.
- 5 The group agreed to the following text for paragraph 2 of article 8:

"2 The Secretary-General shall convene a conference of the States Parties to this Protocol for revising or amending the Protocol, at the request of one third of the States Parties or 5 States Parties, whichever is the higher figure."