

PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS
AGAINST THE SAFETY OF FIXED PLATFORMS
LOCATED ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

The States Parties to this Protocol,

BEING PARTIES to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts
against the Safety of Maritime Navigation,

RECOGNIZING that the reasons for which the Convention was elaborated also
apply to fixed platforms located on the continental shelf,

TAKING ACCOUNT of the provisions of that Convention,

AFFIRMING that matters not regulated by this Protocol continue to be
governed by the rules and principles of general international law,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

1 The provisions of articles 5 and 7 and of articles 10 to 16 of the
Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime
Navigation (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") shall also apply
mutatis mutandis to the offences set forth in article 2 of this Protocol where
such offences are committed on board or against fixed platforms located on the
continental shelf.

2 In cases where this Protocol 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 in whose internal waters or
territorial sea the fixed platform is located.

3 For the purposes of this Protocol, "fixed platform" means an artificial
island, installation or structure permanently attached to the sea-bed for the
purpose of exploration or exploitation of resources or for other economic
purposes.