
Proposal by China

New Article 8A

1. The master of the ship of the State Party may deliver to the authorities of any other State Party any person who he has reasonable grounds to believe has committed one of the offences set forth in Article 3.

2. The master shall as soon as practicable, and if possible before entering the territorial sea of the State Party with any person whom the master intends to deliver in accordance with paragraph 1, notify the authorities of such State of his intention to deliver such person and the reasons therefor.

3. Any State Party shall, subject to the laws of that State, accept the delivery, except where it has reasonable grounds to consider that the Convention is not applicable to the acts giving rise thereto, and shall proceed according to the provisions of Article 8. Any refusal to accept such delivery shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons.

4. The master of the ship shall furnish the authorities to whom any alleged offender is delivered in accordance with the provisions of this Article with evidence and information which, under the law of the State of the ship's flag, are lawfully in his possession.