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 further informal consultations on article 4

Article 4:

1. This Convention applies if the ship is navigating or if it is scheduled to navigate into, through or from waters beyond the outer limits of the territorial sea of a single State.

2. 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.

Some delegations were in favour of the inclusion in article 4, paragraph 1, of straits used for international navigation. It was pointed out that it was unnecessary to include them since navigation in such straits was one of the situations envisaged in article 4, paragraph 1. Therefore, the Convention will apply in straits used for international navigation, without prejudice to the legal status of the waters forming such straits in accordance with relevant conventions and other rules of international law.

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