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

**Accession by Singapore**

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf and to state that, in accordance with article 5, accession by the Republic of Singapore was effected by deposit of an instrument on 12 August 2015.

The instrument of accession included the following reservation and declaration, respectively:

"Pursuant to article 1, paragraph 1 of the Protocol, the provisions of article 16 of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation (hereinafter referred to as the 'Convention') shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to the Protocol. Accordingly, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Republic of Singapore declares that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 16, paragraph 1, of the Convention in its application to the Protocol."

"The Republic of Singapore understands article 10 of the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, whether as applied to the offences under the Protocol or otherwise, to include the right of competent authorities to decide not to submit any particular case for prosecution before the judicial authorities if the alleged offender is dealt with under the national security and preventive detention laws."

The Protocol will enter into force for Singapore on 10 November 2015, in accordance with article 6(2) of the Protocol.

There are, at present, 155 Contracting States to the Protocol.