

No. 7302. CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. DONE AT GENEVA, ON 29 APRIL 1958¹

OBJECTIONS to certain declarations and reservations made by France in its instrument of accession

In a letter received on 14 January 1966, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland communicated to the Secretary-General the following observations on the declarations and reservations contained in the above-mentioned instrument of accession :

“ *Article 1*

“ The Government of the United Kingdom take note of the declaration made by the Government of the French Republic and reserve their position concerning it.

“ *Article 2 (paragraph 4)*

“ This declaration does not call for any observations on the part of the Government of the United Kingdom.

“ *Article 4*

“ The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the French Republic are both parties to the Optional Protocol of Signature concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, done at Geneva on the 29th of April, 1958. The Government of the United Kingdom assume that the declaration made by the Government of the French Republic is not intended to derogate from the rights and obligations of the parties to the Optional Protocol.

“ *Article 5 (paragraph 1)*

“ Reservation (a) does not call for any observations on the part of the Government of the United Kingdom.

“ The Government of the United Kingdom are unable to accept reservation (b).

“ The Government of the United Kingdom are prepared to accept reservation (c) on the understanding that it is not intended to derogate from the rights and obligations of parties to the Optional Protocol of Signature concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes.

“ *Article 6 (paragraphs 1 and 2)*

“ The Government of the United Kingdom are unable to accept the reservations made by the Government of the French Republic.”

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 499, p. 311; for subsequent actions relating to this Convention, see Annex A in volumes 505, 510, 520, 523, 525, 538, 544 and 547.