No. 6465.   CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS. DONE AT GENEVA ON
29 APRIL 1958[1]

SUCCESSION

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FIJI

With the following declarations :

The Government of Fiji declares that it withdraws the observations made by
the United Kingdom[2] with respect to the reservation made on ratification of the
Convention by the Government of Indonesia[3] and substitutes therefor the following
observation :

"With respect to the reservation made by the Government of Indonesia on ratification of the above-mentioned Convention on the High Seas, the Government of
Fiji states that it considers that the extent of Indonesian national waters referred
to therein is subject to the rule of international law that, where the establishment
of a straight baseline has the effect of enclosing as internal waters areas which previously had been considered as part of the high seas, a right of innocent passage shall
exist in those waters, subject to the regulations of the national authorities respecting police, customs, quarantine and control of pollution, and without prejudice to
the exclusive right of such authorities in respect of the exploration and exploitation of the natural resources of such waters and of the subjacent seabed and subsoil.

"Furthermore, the Government of Fiji maintains all other objections communicated to the Secretary-General by the United Kingdom Government[2] to the reservations or declarations made by certain States[4] with respect to this Convention, reserving only its position on that Government's observations bearing on the application
of the Optional Protocol of Signature[5] pending final disposition of the question of
the succession by the Government of Fiji to the said Protocol."

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[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 450, p. 11; for subsequent actions, see references in
Cumulative Indexes Nos. 6 to 8, as well as annex A in volumes 620, 638, 639, 646, 678, 751, 752 and
767.
  [2] *Ibid.*, vol. 450, p. 166.
  [3] *Ibid.*, pp. 163 and 164.
  [4] *Ibid.*, pp. 138 to 164, and vol. 570, p. 331.
  [5] *Ibid.*, p. 169.