

No. 6465. CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS. DONE AT GENEVA ON
29 APRIL 1958¹

SUCCESSION

Notification received on:

29 June 1971

TONGA

With the following declaration :

“The Government of the Kingdom of Tonga withdraws the observations made by the United Kingdom² with respect to the reservation made upon ratification of the Convention by the Government of Indonesia³ and substitute therefore the following :

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 Tonga 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.”

Declaration received by the Secretary-General on 22 October 1971 :

“The Government of Tonga affirms that in the absence of any other statement expressing a contrary intention, it wishes to maintain all objections communicated to the Secretary-General by the United Kingdom to the reservations⁴ or declarations made by States with respect to any conventions of which the Secretary-General is the depositary.”

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, 767, 771 and 783.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 450, p. 166.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 163.

⁴ For the reservations made by the Governments of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Iran, Poland, Romania, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, see United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 450, pp. 138 to 162; for the reservation made by the Government of Albania, see vol. 520, p. 430; and for the reservation made by the Government of Mexico, see vol. 570, p. 331. For the objections by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the aforementioned reservations, see *ibid.*, vol. 450, p. 166; vol. 539, p. 367, and vol. 576, p. 391.