

No. 4714. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA BY OIL, 1954. DONE AT LONDON ON 12 MAY 1954¹

ACCEPTANCE

Instrument deposited with the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization on :

15 August 1972

Fiji

(To take effect on 15 November 1972.)

With the following declaration and reservations :

“ In accepting the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, 1954,² Fiji declares that it does so subject to the understanding that article XI effectively reserves to the parties to the Convention freedom of legislative action in territorial waters, including the application of existing laws, anything in the Convention which may appear to be contrary notwithstanding. Specifically, it is understood that offences in Fiji territorial waters will continue to be punishable under Fiji laws regardless of the ship's registry; the acceptance by Fiji of the said Convention is subject to the following reservations :

1. Fiji accepts article VIII of the Convention, subject to the reservation that, while it will urge port authorities, oil terminals or private contractors to provide adequate disposal facilities, Fiji shall not be obliged to construct, operate, or maintain shore facilities at places on Fiji coasts or waters where such facilities may be deemed inadequate, or to assume any financial obligation to assist in such activities; and
2. Fiji accepts the Convention subject to the reservation that amendments communicated to Contracting Governments under the provisions of paragraph (2) of article XVI will become binding upon Fiji only after notification of acceptance thereof has been given by Fiji.”

Certified statement was registered by the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization on 15 September 1972.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 327, p. 3; for subsequent actions, see references in Cumulative Indexes Nos. 4 to 10, as well as annex A in volumes 704, 724, 786, 808, 825 and 827.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 327, p. 3.