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COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS FOR PREVENTION OF  
POLLUTION FROM VESSELS

BASIC ZONAL APPROACH

Working Paper submitted by Australia, Canada, Colombia, Fiji,  
Ghana, Iceland, Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand,  
Philippines and United Republic of Tanzania

Coastal States may establish or adopt and enforce standards for the prevention of marine pollution from vessels in (areas) (zones) within their jurisdiction adjacent to their territorial sea.

COMMENT

This approach is without prejudice to the extent of the area or zone in question, or the nature of the jurisdiction to be exercised by the coastal State in such area or zone in respect of vessel source pollution, or the question whether the standards to be enforced shall be international, national, or both. As regards enforcement, the coastal State's jurisdiction could be exercised not to the exclusion of but concurrently with flag State jurisdiction. It is understood that a further elaboration of this basic approach would be necessary in order to determine the modalities of its application.