III.5. PROTOCOL RELATING TO REFUGEE SEAMEN
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Article 1

(1) The Contracting Parties to the present Protocol undertake to apply Articles 2
and 4 to 13 inclusive of the Agreement to refugee seamen as hereinafter defined.
(2) For the purpose of the present Protocol, the term “refugee seaman” shall apply
to any person who, being a refugee according to the definition in paragraph 2
of Article I of the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 31 January
1967, is serving as a seafarer in any capacity on a mercantile ship, or habitually
earns his living as a seafarer on such a ship.
(3) The present Protocol shall be applied without any geographic limitation, save
that existing declarations made by the States already Parties to the Convention
in accordance with Article 1B(1)(a) of the Convention, shall, unless extended
under Article 1B(2) thereof, apply also under the present Protocol.

Article 2

Any dispute between the Contracting Parties to the present Protocol relating to the
interpretation or application of any of its provisions which cannot be settled by other
means shall be referred to the International Court of Justice at the request of any
one of the Parties to the dispute.

Article 3

(1) The present Protocol shall be open for acceptance or approval on behalf of all
the Governments which have signed the Agreement or have acceded thereto
and of any other Government which undertakes obligations with respect to
refugee seamen under Article 28 of the Convention or obligations correspond-
ing thereto.
(2) Instruments of acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Government
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
Article 4

(1) The present Protocol shall come into force on the 90th day following the date of deposit of the eighth instrument of acceptance or approval.

(2) For each Government accepting or approving the present Protocol after the deposit of the eighth instrument of acceptance or approval, the present Protocol shall come into force on the date of deposit by such Government of its instrument of acceptance or approval.

Article 5

(1) Any Government may, at the time of the deposit of its instrument of acceptance or approval, or at any time thereafter, declare that the present Protocol shall extend to any territory or territories for the international relations of which it is responsible, provided that it has undertaken in relation thereto such obligations as are mentioned in paragraph 1 of Article III.

(2) Such extension shall be made by notification addressed to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

(3) The extension shall take effect on the 90th day following the date upon which the notification was received by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, but not before the date of the entry into force of the present Protocol for the notifying Government as specified in Article IV.

Article 6

(1) A Contracting Party may denounce the present Protocol at any time by a notification addressed to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

(2) The denunciation shall take effect one year from the date upon which the notification was received by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Where the present Protocol has been denounced by a Contracting Party, any other Contracting Party after consulting the remaining Parties, may denounce the Protocol with effect from the same date, provided not less than six months’ notice is given.

Article 7

(1) A Contracting Party which has made a notification under Article V may at any time thereafter declare by a notification addressed to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the present Protocol shall cease to apply to any territory or territories specified in the notification.

(2) The present Protocol shall cease to apply to any territory or territories concerned one year from the date upon which the notification was received by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.