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**PROTOCOL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF  
UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF  
FIXED PLATFORMS LOCATED ON THE  
CONTINENTAL SHELF (SUA PROTOCOL)**

*Note: As of February 2008, this file will no longer be updated.*

**Adopted:** 10 March 1988.

**Entered into Force:** 1 March 1992.

**Duration:** The Protocol does not set any limits on its duration.

**Number of Parties:** 133

**Depository:** International Maritime Organization (IMO).

**Background:** The same concerns about unlawful acts that threaten the safety of ships also apply to fixed platforms. Of particular concern are offshore oil and gas platforms.

**Provisions:** This Protocol extends the [IMO Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation](#), to apply to offenses committed on board or against fixed platforms located on the continental shelf. For the purposes of the Protocol, “fixed platform” means an artificial island, installation, or structure permanently attached to the sea bed for the purpose of exploration or exploitation of resources or for other economic purposes.

The provisions for reservation, withdrawal, amendment, compliance, and enforcement are identical to those of the Convention; however, such instruments in regard to the Protocol are mutually exclusive and do not apply to the Convention and vice versa.