Article 45

1. Any Contracting State may denounce this Convention by notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations to that effect.

2. The denunciation shall take effect on the first day of the month following the expiration of twelve months after receipt of the notification by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

*Article 45 bis* (Article XIII (3) of the Protocol)

Any Contracting State in respect of which the 1980 Protocol ceases to have

effect by the application of paragraphs (1) and (2) 9 of article XIII of 1980 Protocol shall remain a Contracting Party to the 1974 Limitation Convention, unamended, unless it denounces the unamended Convention

in accordance with article 45 of that Convention.

Article 46

The original of this Convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"**Editorial Note:** Footnote numbers have been added for convenience."

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 $<sup>^9</sup>$  Paragraphs (1) and (2) of article XIII of the Protocol read as follows:

<sup>(1)</sup> A Contracting State may denounce this Protocol by notifying the depositary to that effect.

<sup>(2)</sup> The denunciation shall take effect on the first day of the month following the expiration of twelve months after receipt of the notification by the depositary.