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The regulations in Law regarding Svalbard (Spitsbergen) of July 7, 1925, §4 are applied correspondingly.⁹

§ 3. All land which is not sold to private persons belongs to the Crown.

A property right in land belonging to the Crown or usufructs on such land may not be gained by prescription.

When the Crown holds special rights on land which has been sold, these rights may not cease by prescription.

§ 4. The present law comes into force at once.

10. Norway: Peter I Island

ROYAL PROCLAMATION, 1 MAY 1931

(*Norsk Lovtidende*, No. 15, 4 May 1931; translation from 134 British and Foreign State Papers, p. 1010.)

[Translation]

We, Haakon, King of Norway, make known:
Peter I Island is placed under Norwegian sovereignty.

Done at the Castle, Oslo, the 1st May, 1931.

Under our hand and the Seal of the Kingdom.

(L. S.) HAAKON.

JOH. LUDW. MOWINCKEL. B. ROLSTED.

11. Norway: Norwegian Antarctic Territory

NOTE. When informed of the following royal proclamation of 14 January 1939, the United States Government reserved all rights which it or its citizens may have in the area. (1 Hackworth, *Digest of International Law*, p. 460.) Norway is the only State making official territorial claims in Antarctica which apparently rejects the sector principle. *ibid.*, p. 463.

A. RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, 14 JANUARY 1939

(Translation from 34 *American Journal of International Law*, Supplement (1940), pp. 83-85.)

By Order in Council of the 23rd January, 1928, Bouvet Island in the Antarctic Ocean was brought under Norwegian sovereignty, and by Order in Council of the 1st May, 1931, the same thing was done with Peter I Island in the same ocean.

Bouvet Island lies in 3°24' E. Long. and 54°26' S. Lat., *i.e.*, in that part of the Antarctic region often called the Atlantic

⁹ This section gives the King power to establish general regulations with respect to such matters as public order, expulsion, safety of navigation and air traffic, working of mines, and hunting and fishing (Norway, *Collection of Laws &c.*, 1921-1925, p. 837). [Ed.]