

Declaration by the Arab Republic of Egypt

We draw attention to Maritime Zone Notification No. M.Z.N.127.2017.LOS of the United Nations Secretariat dated 12 April 2017. In that Notification it is stated that on 10 April 2017 the Republic of the Sudan deposited, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, a list of geographical coordinates defining the Red Sea baselines of the Sudan, as contained in Decree of the President of the Republic of the Sudan No. 148 (2017) of 2 March 2017 concerning the baselines of the maritime zones of the Republic of the Sudan. The above-mentioned was posted on the website of the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

The Arab Republic of Egypt affirms its rejection and non-recognition of any Sudanese baseline points lying north of the international border between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Republic of the Sudan (the 22nd parallel north), in particular baseline point No. 11, named Shab Abu Fandara, the coordinates of which are 36° 16' 28.4'' east and 22° 54' 43.3'' north, and baseline point No. 12, named Mirir, the coordinates of which are 35° 44' 34'' east and 23° 09' 42.7'' north. Those baseline points were annexed to Decree of the President of the Republic of the Sudan No. 148 of 2 March 2017 concerning the baselines for measuring the maritime areas of the Republic of the Sudan. It considers those to be null and void and without legal effect, as they violate the territorial integrity of the Arab Republic of Egypt and its sovereignty over its land and maritime territory.

The Arab Republic of Egypt reaffirms the information that it previously deposited, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the Convention, with the Secretary-General on 2 May 1990 with respect to baseline points Nos. 50 to 56 on the list of geographical coordinates defining the Red Sea baselines of Egypt. Those coordinates were set out in annex II to Decree of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt No. 27 (1990) of 9 January 1990 concerning the baselines used for measuring the maritime areas of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Decree of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt No. 27 (1990) and its annex II were published by the United Nations Secretariat in December 1990 in issue No. 16 of the Bulletin of the Law of the Sea, which is published by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

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