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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as the depository of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, and has the honour to inform of the following:

The Croatian Parliament adopted the Decision on the proclamation of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea on 5 February 2021, which will enter into force on 13 February 2021.

By that Decision of the Croatian Parliament, as of 13 February 2021 the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia will be established beyond the outer limit of its territorial sea in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia comprises the maritime area from the outer limit of the territorial sea seaward up to the maximum limit allowed under general international law. The outer limit of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia shall be determined by international agreements on delimitation with the States whose coasts lie opposite or adjacent to the Republic of Croatia.

Pending the conclusion of the agreements on delimitation, the outer limit of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia shall temporarily follow the delimitation line of the continental shelf established under the 1968 Agreement between the SFRY and the Italian Republic on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the two Countries in the Adriatic Sea and the 2005 Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the precise determination of the delimitation line of the continental shelves of the Republic of Croatia and the Italian Republic, and in adjacent delimitation with Montenegro, the line following the direction of and continuing along the provisional delimitation line of the territorial seas, as defined in the 2002 Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border between the Two States.

Without prejudice to the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia, the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia remains a maritime area where all States shall enjoy freedoms, as guaranteed under international law, of navigation, overflight, laying of submarine cables and pipelines and other internationally lawful uses of the sea.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

As of 13 February 2021, the Decision on the extension of the jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea (Official Gazette, No. 157/03, 77/04, 138/06 and 31/08) will cease to be in force.

A copy of the Decision on the proclamation of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea of 5 February 2021, which have been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia No. 10/21, is attached herewith, as well as its translation into the English language. The list of coordinates of the provisional outer limit of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia will be submitted to the Secretariat in due course.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations would like to request the Secretary-General, as the depository of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, to circulate this note and the text of the Decision of the Croatian Parliament to the Parties to the Convention and to publish them in the next issue of the Law of the Sea Bulletin.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration. *JS.*



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