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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as the depositary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 and has the honor to inform you of the following:

The Croatian Parliament adopted the Decision on the provision of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia in its 141st session on 27 February 2021, which will enter into force on 1 February 2022.

By that Decision of the Croatian Parliament, as of 1 February 2022, the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia will be established beyond the outer limit of its territorial sea in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia commences at 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 continuation of one of the continental shelves established in the 1978 Agreement on Economic Cooperation and the Republic on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the 2005 Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the provisional delimitation of the continental shelves for the Republic of Croatia and the Italian Republic and the adjacent delimitation with Montenegro. The interim delimitation line of the Republic of Croatia shall remain the provisional delimitation line of the territorial seas, as defined in the 1992 Decision of the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the Delimitation of the Territorial Seas of the Republic of Croatia with Yugoslavia on the basis of the 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 freedom as guaranteed under international law for navigation, overflight, laying of submarine cables and pipelines and other lawful uses of the sea.

H.E. Mr. António Guterres
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New York

As of 13 February 2021, the Decision on the proclamation of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea (Official Gazette No. 15/19, 2/20, 13/20, 18/20 and 25/20) 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, which has been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Croatia No. 10/21, is enclosed in the translation into the English language. The list of coordinates for the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia is also enclosed in the course.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations will request the Secretary-General of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, to circulate this note and the text of the Decision to the Parties to the Convention and to publish them in the next issue of the *Journal of the Law of the Sea Bulletin*.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations will take this opportunity to reiterate its appreciation for the assistance and the assurances of the Secretary-General and to express its highest consideration.



New York, 11 February 2021.