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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic's Note Verbal No 616 of 3 September 2021, regarding the publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Chile of Decree No 95 related to maritime spaces

Decree No 95 modified the Decree that determines Chile's maritime zones in its southern territory, by including the jurisdictional area of 200 nautical miles of continental shelf

Area' as "the seabed and ocean floor and subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction". Consequently, the delimitation of Chile's continental shelf to a distance of 200 nautical miles southeast of Point F does not constitute an exercise of sovereignty over any part of "the Area" or its resources

Chile is respectful of international law and exercises its inherent right recognized in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to its 200 nautical miles continental shelf. Hence, Chile's definition of its continental shelf should not be construed as an unfriendly gesture towards Argentina. Likewise, Chile has expressed that it is willing to solve any differences by means of dialogue and in accordance with the principle of the peaceful settlement of disputes.

The Permanent Mission of Chile 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

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United Nations Secretary General

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