

The permanent mission of the Argentine Republic in the United States of America

The Argentine Government notes with surprise the unilateral measure taken by the Government of the Republic of Chile to extend the continental shelf east of the meridian 67° 30' W, covering the Argentine continental shelf, in violation of the common international law.

The pretension that Chile now manifests through this measure is contrary to the Argentine-Chilean Peace and Friendship Treaty, signed on 11/29/1984, and to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, and especially to the provisions of the latter.

The claim referred to in the Decree is manifestly extemporaneous and contradictory with Chile's conduct prior to May 2020 and ignores the provisions of the applicable international rules whose interpretation is clear.

As you are aware, by virtue of the provisions of the 1982 Convention on the Law of the Sea, the continental shelf was analyzed by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) between 2012 and 2016. The Commission's recommendations were accepted by the Government of the Argentine Republic through Law 27,117, approved the demarcation of the outer limit of its continental shelf.

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In this sense, as has been duly reflected in the text and in the map of the E-11
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On the other hand, the Government of the Argentine Republic avails itself of this opportunity to reaffirm
its strongest commitment

to provide the fundamental legal framework for the development of activities in the Area. In this regard, it
should be recalled that in accordance with the provisions of articles 136 and 137 of UNCLOS, the Area
and its resources constitute Common Heritage of Mankind. Therefore, States are prohibited from
claiming or exercising

For the abovementioned reasons, Argentina rejects in all its terms the aforementioned Decree, the note
sent by Chile to that Secretariat on May 26, 2020, as well as any attempt or claim to establish maritime
areas east of the 60°W meridian. It is noted that this protest made by the
Argentine Republic is published together with any chart sent by Chile to the Secretariat involving

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