The Republic of Costa Rica therefore objects to the straight baseline established by Presidential Decree No. 17-2018 of 23 October 2018, which was the subject of the circular communication of the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations, with reference M.Z.N.141.2018.LOS (Maritime Zone Notification), dated 18 December 2018, because that baseline runs counter to international law, in particular the Convention.

Lastly, my Government would be grateful if you would have this note circulated to the States Members of the United Nations through the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, and posted on the Division's website.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Minister