

Pursuant to Article 1042 of the Maritime Code and on the basis of Article 55 of the United

Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Croatian Parliament, at its session of 3 October 2003, has adopted the

***DECISION
ON THE EXTENSION OF THE JURISDICTION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN THE ADRIATIC SEA***

Supporting the multilateral efforts aimed to ensure sustainable fisheries in the Mediterranean, as

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Conference on Sustainable Fisheries in the Mediterranean scheduled for November 2003 in

4. Without prejudice to the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia, the ecological and fisheries protection zone of the Republic of Croatia protected in this manner, remains a sea area where all States shall enjoy freedoms, as guaranteed under international law, of navigation, overflight, laying submarine cables and pipelines, and other internationally lawful uses of the sea.

5. The ecological and fisheries protection zone of the Republic of Croatia comprises the maritime area from the outer limit of the territorial sea seaward up to 24 nautical miles.

Text of note verbale No. 331/2003 dated 29 October 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Croatia, transmitting the text of the Decision on the Extension of the Jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea

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 passed the Decision on the Extension of the Jurisdiction of

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The ecological and fisheries protection zone of the Republic of Croatia comprises the maritime space from the outer limit of the territorial sea seaward up to its outer limit allowed under general international law. The outer limits of the ecological and fisheries protection zone of the Republic of Croatia shall be determined through the delimitation agreements with the neighbouring States in accordance with the Article 74 of the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention.

Pending the conclusion of the delimitation agreements, the outer limits of the ecological and fisheries protection 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 Delimitation of the Continental Shelf, and, in adjacent delimitation, the line following the direction of and continuing on the provisional delimitation

