



PERMANENT MISSION OF ITALY TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Representation of Italy to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations, in his capacity as depositary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and has the honor to refer to the “*Décret Présidentiel du Président de la République Algérienne n° 18-96 du 2 Rajab 1439, correspondant au 20 mars 2018 instituant une zone économique exclusive (ZEE) au large des côtes algériennes*” dated 20 March 2018 (ref.: M.Z.N.135.2018.LOS on April 17, 2018).

In this regard, the Permanent Representation of Italy wishes to highlight that the Italian Government expresses its opposition to the definition of the Algerian EEZ, as indicated by the abovementioned Decree, since it unduly overlaps on zones of legitimate and exclusive national Italian interest.

The Italian Government reiterates that, in accordance with Article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone shall be effected by agreement to achieve an equitable solution. Pending agreement, the concerned States shall make every effort to enter into provisional arrangements of practical nature and, during the transitional period, not jeopardize or hamper the reaching of final agreement.

Therefore, the Italian Government expresses its readiness to enter into negotiations to reach such an agreement of mutual satisfaction on the matter, according to Article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as recalled by Article 2 of the said Decree.

A Note Verbale of similar content has been sent to the Embassy of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria in Rome.

The Permanent Representation of Italy to the United Nations Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

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