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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Note verbale

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain in Algiers and has the honour to refer to the deposit by Spain on 31 August 2018 with the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Maritime Zone Notification No. M.Z.N.139.2018.LOS) of a list of geographical coordinates of points on the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Spain, as set out in Royal Decree No. 236/2013 of 5 April 2013 establishing the exclusive economic zone of Spain in the north-western Mediterranean.

The Algerian Government wishes to emphasize that the unilateral delimitation effected by Spain is not in conformity with the text of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and did not take into account the geography, the particularities and the special circumstances of the Mediterranean Sea, particularly as they concern our two countries, whose coasts face each other. Nor did it take into account the objective rules and relevant principles of international law that must govern the equitable delimitation of maritime spaces between Algeria and Spain, in accordance with article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Algerian Government expresses its opposition to the delineation of the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Spain as certain parts of these limits are excessively broad and create an area of overlap with the exclusive economic zone off the Algerian coast established by Presidential Decree No. 18-96 of 2 Rajab A.H. 1439 (20 March 2018). Accordingly, the Algerian Government does not recognize the excessively broad coordinates set out in Royal Decree 236/2013, which overlap with the coordinates of Presidential Decree No. 18-96 establishing an exclusive economic zone off the coast of Algeria.

The Government of Algeria, bearing in mind the bonds of friendship and cooperative relations between our two countries, and taking note of the note verbale dated 12 July 2018 from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation, expresses its complete readiness to work with the Government of Spain in order to find, through dialogue and bilateral negotiations, an equitable solution regarding the outer limits of the exclusive economic zones of Algeria and Spain, in accordance with article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria takes this opportunity to convey to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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