

Baselines of the maritime areas

Note verbale of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations, 2 May 1990

The Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Arab Republic of Egypt, upon ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, has deposited a declaration establishing the breadth of its territorial sea at 12 nautical miles, which is in line with the provisions of article 3 of the Convention. In the declaration, the Arab Republic of Egypt was committed to publish charts showing the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea in the Mediterranean Sea and in the Red Sea is measured, as well as the lines marking the outer limit of the territorial sea, in accordance with usual practice.

In this connection, the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations is pleased to attached herewith a letter signed by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressed to Your Excellency, to which is attached Presidential Decree No. 27/90 signed by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on 9 January 1990, concerning the baselines from which the maritime areas in the Arab Republic of Egypt are measured, and to which is annexed a list of geographical co-ordinates of points specifying the Geodetic Datum. Such list shows the straight baselines from which the maritime areas under the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the Arab Republic of Egypt are measured, including its territorial sea in the Mediterranean Sea as shown in annex I of the Presidential Decree and in the Red Sea as shown in annex II of the Presidential Decree.

Furthermore, the Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt wishes to report that the Arab Republic of Egypt has published the attached Presidential Decree, and accordingly it has entered into force in Egypt.

The Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt wishes to deposit the attached Presidential Decree with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with article 16 of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea.

2 May 1990

Sir,

Inasmuch as the Arab Republic of Egypt is anxious to fulfil the international obligations arising out of its signature, in 1982, and its ratification, in 1983, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; in accordance with Part II of the said Convention; and since article 16 of this Convention requires that coastal States shall give due publicity to lists of geographical co-ordinates relating to that territorial sea and shall deposit a copy thereof with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of Decree No. 27 (1990) of the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, issued on 9 January 1990, concerning the baselines from which the maritime areas of the Arab Republic of Egypt are measured, with a list of the geographical co-ordinates of all points, specifying the geodetic datum (Mercator projection), which represent the straight baselines from which the maritime areas coming under the sovereignty and rule of the Arab Republic of Egypt, including its territorial sea, are measured:

1. In the Mediterranean Sea, in accordance with annex 1 of the Presidential Decree;

2. In the Red Sea, in accordance with annex 2 of the Presidential Decree.

I am also pleased to inform you that the Arab Republic of Egypt has published the Republican Decree and its annexes and the Decree has entered into force.

(Signed)

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Deputy Prime Minister

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Minister for Foreign Affairs