

Pursuant to Articles 1018, 32 and 33 of the Maritime Code (Official Journal N° 181/04, 76/07, 6/11, 56/13, 26/15 and 17/19) and on the basis of Article 55 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Official Journal – International Treaties, N° 9/00), the Croatian Parliament, at its session of _____December 2020, has adopted the

DECISION

ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

I

The Croatian Parliament proclaims the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in the legal regime established in Part V of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Chapter IV of the Maritime Code.

II

The exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia comprises the maritime area from the outer limit of the territorial sea extending seaward up to its outer limit allowed under general international law.

The outer limit of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia shall be determined through delimitation agreements with the States whose coasts are opposite or adjacent to (the coast of) the Republic of Croatia.

III

Pending the conclusion of the delimitation agreements, the outer limits of the exclusive economic 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 the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the accurate determination of the delimitation line of delimitation of the continental shelf between Republic of Croatia and the Italian Republic, and in adjacent delimitation with Montenegro, the line following the direction of and continuing the provisional delimitation line of the territorial seas, as defined in the 2002 Protocol between the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on the Interim Regime along the Southern Border between the Two States.

IV

Without prejudice to the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia, the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia remains the maritime 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.

V

The implementation of the legal regime of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Croatia of Chapter IV of the Maritime Code shall be executed in accordance with Part V of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the EU legislation.

VI

The Republic of Croatia will co-operate with all Adriatic and coastal Mediterranean States to protect the resources and the environment of the Adriatic and the entire Mediterranean through a concerted action.

VII

This Decision will be published in the Official Journal and shall enter into force on _____ 2021. As of the date of the entry into force of this Decision, the Decision of the Croatian Parliament on the extension of the jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea (Official Journal N° 157/03, 77/04, 138/06 and 31/08) shall cease to have effect.

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CROATIAN PARLIAMENT

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Gordan Jandroković
(Signed)