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Note verbale

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Italy in Algiers and has the honour to transmit the response of the Government of Algeria to the position of the Government of Italy regarding Presidential Decree No. 18-96 of 20 March 2018 establishing an exclusive economic zone off the coast of Algeria, as set out in the note verbale, dated 26 November 2018, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

The Government of Algeria wishes to point out that the establishment of the exclusive economic zone of Algeria is set against the background of national law and the exercise by Algeria of its sovereign rights in that zone, as recognized under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and international law.

As a result, the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone of Algeria took into consideration the objective rules and relevant principles of international law, thus ensuring the just and equitable delimitation of maritime spaces between Algeria and Italy, in accordance with article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Government of Algeria, bearing in mind the bonds of friendship and cooperative relations between our two countries, assures the Government of Italy of its complete readiness to participate in joint efforts to find, through dialogue, an equitable and mutually-acceptable solution regarding the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Algeria and the maritime space of Italy, in accordance with article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Embassy of the Republic of Italy

Algiers

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

Algiers, 20 June 2019

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