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UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

MONTEGO BAY, 10 DECEMBER 1982

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO: INTERPRETATIVE DECLARATION AND
DECLARATIONS UNDER ARTICLES 287 AND 298 ¹**

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 15 April 2014.

(Translation) (Original: French)

Interpretative declaration:

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo reserves the right to interpret any and all articles of the Convention in the context of and with due regard to the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its territorial integrity as it applies to land, space and sea. Details of these interpretations will be placed on record in the instruments of ratification of the Convention. The present signature is without prejudice to the position taken by the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo or to be taken by it on the Convention in the future.

Declaration under article 287:

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo declares, under paragraph 1 of article 287 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, that it chooses the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, established in accordance with Annex VI of the Convention, as the means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention.

¹ Refer to depositary notification **C.N.42.1989.TRETEIS-1 of 17 February 1989
(Ratification by Zaire)**.

Declaration under article 298:

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo further declares, under paragraph 1(a) of article 298 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, that it does not accept any of the procedures provided for in article 287, paragraph 1(c), with respect to disputes concerning the interpretation of articles 15, 74 and 83 relating to sea boundary delimitations, or those involving historic bays or titles.

29 April 2014

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