Togo: Declarations under Articles 287 and 298

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

The above action was effected on 12 April 2019.

(Translation) (Original: French)

1) Declaration under article 287 on the choice of procedure

Pursuant to article 287, State Parties to this Convention shall be free to choose, by means of a written declaration, one or more of the following means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention:

a) the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) established in accordance with Annex VI;
b) the International Court of Justice (ICJ);
c) an arbitral tribunal constituted in accordance with Annex VII;
d) a special arbitral tribunal constituted in accordance with Annex VIII for one or more of the categories of disputes specified therein.

For its own reasons, the Republic of Togo, in accordance with the above article, declares that it chooses the following means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention, without however specifying that one prevails over the other:

i. the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea;
ii. the International Court of Justice.

2) Declaration under article 298 on the optional exceptions to applicability of section 2

Pursuant to article 298 de this Convention, a State Party may, without prejudice to the obligations arising under section 1, declare in writing that it does not accept any one or more of the procedures provided for in section 2.

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1 Refer to depositary notification C.N.101.1985.TREATIES-8 of 2 May 1985 (Ratification: Togo).
For its part, the Republic of Togo, declares that it doesn’t accept any of the procedures provided for in section 2 of part XV with respect to the categories of disputes under paragraph 1, subparagraphs (b) and (c), of the said article, concerning respectively military activities and disputes in respect of which the Security Council of the United Nations is exercising its functions.

17 April 2019

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