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UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA
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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND: DECLARATIONS¹

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

The above action was effected on 31 December 2020.

(Original: English)

“[The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has] the ... honour to refer to the Declarations of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereafter ‘the United Kingdom’) made on 25 July 1997 upon its accession to the ‘Convention’, point (b) of which reads as follows

‘(b) European Community

The United Kingdom recalls that, as a Member of the European Community, it has transferred competence to the Community in respect of certain matters governed by the Convention. A detailed declaration on the nature and extent of the competence to the European Community will be made in due course in accordance with the provisions of Annex IX of the Convention.’

Following the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union on 31 January 2020 and the end of the transition period provided for in the Withdrawal Agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union on 31 December 2020, the United Kingdom will have full competence in its own right over all matters covered by the Convention.

In accordance with Article 5(4) of Annex IX of the Convention, [the Government of the United Kingdom has] the honour hereby to convey notification ... of the withdrawal of point (b) of its Declarations, with respect to its transfer of competence to the European Community in respect of certain matters governed by the Convention, with effect from the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020.

This notification has no effect on the other Declarations made by the United Kingdom in respect of the Convention on 25 July 1997, 12 January 1998 and 7 April 2003.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.338.1997.TREATIES-7/5 of 3 September 1997 (Accession: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

[The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has] the further honour hereby to convey the Declaration of the United Kingdom that pursuant to article 298, paragraph 1 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the United Kingdom does not accept any of the procedures provided for in section 2 of Part XV of the Convention with respect to the categories of disputes referred to in paragraph 1(a) of article 298.”

8 January 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters 'DN' with a horizontal line underneath.