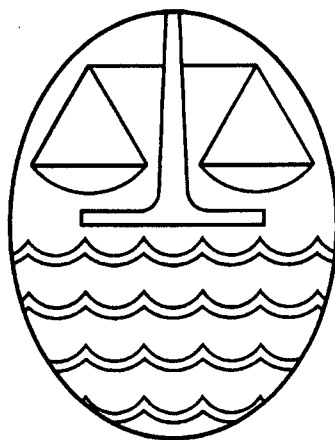


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3. Austria

Declaration made upon ratification ^{4/}

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as depositary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and has the honour to transmit herewith the Austrian instrument of ratification to the said Convention and Agreement to be deposited with the Secretary-General.

With regard to article 287 of the Convention of the Law of the Sea, Austria declares the following:

"In the absence of any other peaceful means to which it would give preference the Government of the Republic of Austria hereby chooses one of the following means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the two Conventions in accordance with article 287 of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, in the following order:

1. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea established in accordance with Annex VI;
2. A special arbitral tribunal constituted in accordance with Annex VIII;
3. The International Court of Justice.

Also in the absence of any other peaceful means, the Government of the Republic of Austria hereby recognizes as of today the validity of special arbitration for any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention on the Law of the Sea relating to fisheries, protection and preservation of the marine environment, marine scientific research and navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping."

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations would like to draw the attention of the Secretary-General to the fact that, as a member of the European Union, Austria has transferred competence to the Union in certain matters governed by the Convention. A detailed declaration on the nature and extent of the competence transferred to the European Union will be made in due course in accordance with the provisions of Annex IX of the Convention.

4. Greece

Declaration made upon ratification ^{5/}

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to deposit the instrument of ratification by the Hellenic Republic of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea signed at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 10 December 1982, and of the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of that Convention, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 28 July 1994, duly signed by the President of the Hellenic Republic and by

^{4/} Communicated by the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in a note verbale dated 14 July 1995.

^{5/} Communicated by the Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations in a note verbale dated 21 July 1995.