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I. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OF 1982, THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART XI OF THE CONVENTION AND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

A. Status of the Convention and of the Agreements as at 31 October 2005

1. From May to October 2005, one State expressed its consent to be bound by the Convention. **Estonia** acceded to the Convention on 26 August 2005. As at 31 October 2005, there were 149 Parties to the Convention, including the European Community.
2. On 26 August 2005, **Estonia** also expressed its consent to be bound by the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the Convention. As at 31 October 2005, there were 122 Parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
3. From May to October 2005, there were four ratifications or accessions to the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. **Belize** ratified this Agreement on 14 July 2005. **Kiribati** acceded to it on 15 September 2005. **Guinea** and **Liberia** acceded to it on 16 September 2005. As at 31 October 2005, there were 56 States Parties to this Agreement.
4. Official information regarding the status of the Convention and its Agreements (ratification, accession, etc.) is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/chapterXXI.asp>
5. For ease of reference, a table recapitulating the status of the Convention and the related Agreements prepared by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (thereafter, "the Division"), Office of Legal Affairs, is also available at the web site of the Division at:
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/status2005.pdf

B. Declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under article 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement

6. From May to October 2005, the following States made declarations or statements:

Estonia
(upon ratification)

"1. As a member state of the European Community, the Republic of Estonia has transferred competence in certain matters governed by the Convention to the European Community according to the declaration made by the European Community on April 1, 1998 while acceding to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

2. Pursuant to Article 287, paragraph 1 of the Convention the Republic of Estonia chooses the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea established in accordance with Annex VI and the International Court of Justice as means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention."

Latvia
(on 31 August 2005)

"In accordance with paragraph 1 of the Article 287 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the Republic of Latvia declares that it chooses the following means for the settlement of dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention:

- 1) The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea established in accordance with Annex VI of the Convention,
- 2) The International Court of Justice."

7. Official information regarding the declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under article 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp#Declarations>
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty7.asp#Declarations>
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty9.asp#Declarations>

8. For ease of reference, the declarations and statements are also published on the web site of the Division at:
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm.

C. Settlement of disputes mechanism

1. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Convention: Choice of procedure under article 287 and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention under article 298 of the Convention

9. From May to October 2005, two States, **Estonia** and **Latvia**, made declarations regarding choice of procedure. (See paragraph 6 above.)

10. The official texts of declarations and statements, which contain the choice of procedure under article 287 of the Convention and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, under article 298 of the Convention, are available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp#Declarations>

11. For ease of reference, the declarations and statements are also available at the web site of the Division at:
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm

12. In addition, a quick-reference recapitulative table on the choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention, is available at the web site of the Division at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/choice_procedure.htm

2. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the Convention relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

Choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability ion

and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the arbitrators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of an arbitrator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such arbitrator sh

25. The following lists are available at the web site of the Division:

- a. List of experts in the field of fisheries maintained by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (communicated on 27 September 2001)
- b. List of experts in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment maintained by the United Nations Environment Programme (communicated on 8 November 2002)
- c. List of experts in the field of marine scientific research maintained by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (communicated on 5 November 2002)
- d. List of experts in the field of navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping, maintained by the International Maritime Organization (communicated on 19 May 2005)

26. These lists are available at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/experts_special_arb.htm

II. OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT AND DUE PUBLICITY

27. Coastal States, under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of UNCLOS, are required to deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations charts showing straight baselines and archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf; alternatively, the lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the geodetic datum, may be substituted. Coastal States are also required to give due publicity to all these charts and lists of geographical coordinates. Furthermore, under article 76, paragraph 9, coastal States are required to deposit with the Secretary-General charts and relevant information permanently describing the outer limits of the continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles. In this case, due publicity is to be given by the Secretary-General. Together with the submission of their charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates, States parties are required to provide appropriate information regarding original geodetic datum.

28. In this connection, it should be noted that the deposit of

D. Information relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage by Mexico

41. From May to October 2005, the Permanent Representative of **Mexico** to the United Nations has requested the Secretary-General, by a letter dated 16 May 2005, to publish the information relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico, in accordance with article 25, paragraph 3, of the Convention. This article stipulates that a coastal State may, without discrimination in form or in fact among foreign ships, suspend temporarily, in specified areas of its territorial sea the innocent passage of foreign ships if such suspension is essential for the protection of its security, including weapons exercises. Such suspension takes effect, according to the same article, only after having been duly published.

42. The texts of notifications relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico are posted on the web site of the Division at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/innocent_passages_suspension.htm

43. The texts of notifications relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico are reproduced in Annex III of this Circular.

III. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS REGARDING OUTER LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF
BEYOND 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINES

A. Outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines:
Submission to the Commission made by Ireland

44. On 25 May 2005, **Ireland** made a submission through the Secretary-General to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Ireland on 21 July 1996.

45. The submission contains the information on the proposed outer limits of the continental shelf of Ireland beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in the portion of the continental shelf of Ireland abutting the Porcupine Abyssal Plain. According to the submitting State, this is a partial submission. In the view of the Government of Ireland, “this portion of shelf is not the subject of any dispute” and, “its consideration by the Commission will not prejudice matters relating to the delimitation of boundaries between Ireland and any other States”.

46. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, a communication was circulated to all States-Members of the United Nations, including States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of this submission.

47. The consideration of the submission made by **Ireland** was on the agenda of the sixteenth session of the Commission held in New York from 29 August to 16 September 2005.

48. "Continental Shelf Notifications" are circulated to all States Members of the United Nations, including States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission made by a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. From May to October 2005, the Division has circulated one continental shelf notification, as follows:

Continental Shelf Notification (CLCS. 04. 2005. LOS of 25 May 2005) regarding the receipt of the submission made by the **Ireland** to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

49. (The text of the above-mentioned continental shelf notification is reproduced in Annex II to this publication.)

B. Communications from States in response to notifications of the Secretary-General informing about submissions

50. For the period May-October 2005, an additional communication, dated 5 July 2005, was received from **India** in response to Continental Shelf Notification CLCS.03.2004.LOS dated 15 November 2004 informing about the submission made by **Australia**. Thus, a total of eight communications has been received. The communication from India was circulated to all Member States and was provided to the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf at its sixteenth session, 29 August – 16 September 2005. The texts of all communications are
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ANNEX I

MARITIME ZONE NOTIFICATIONS

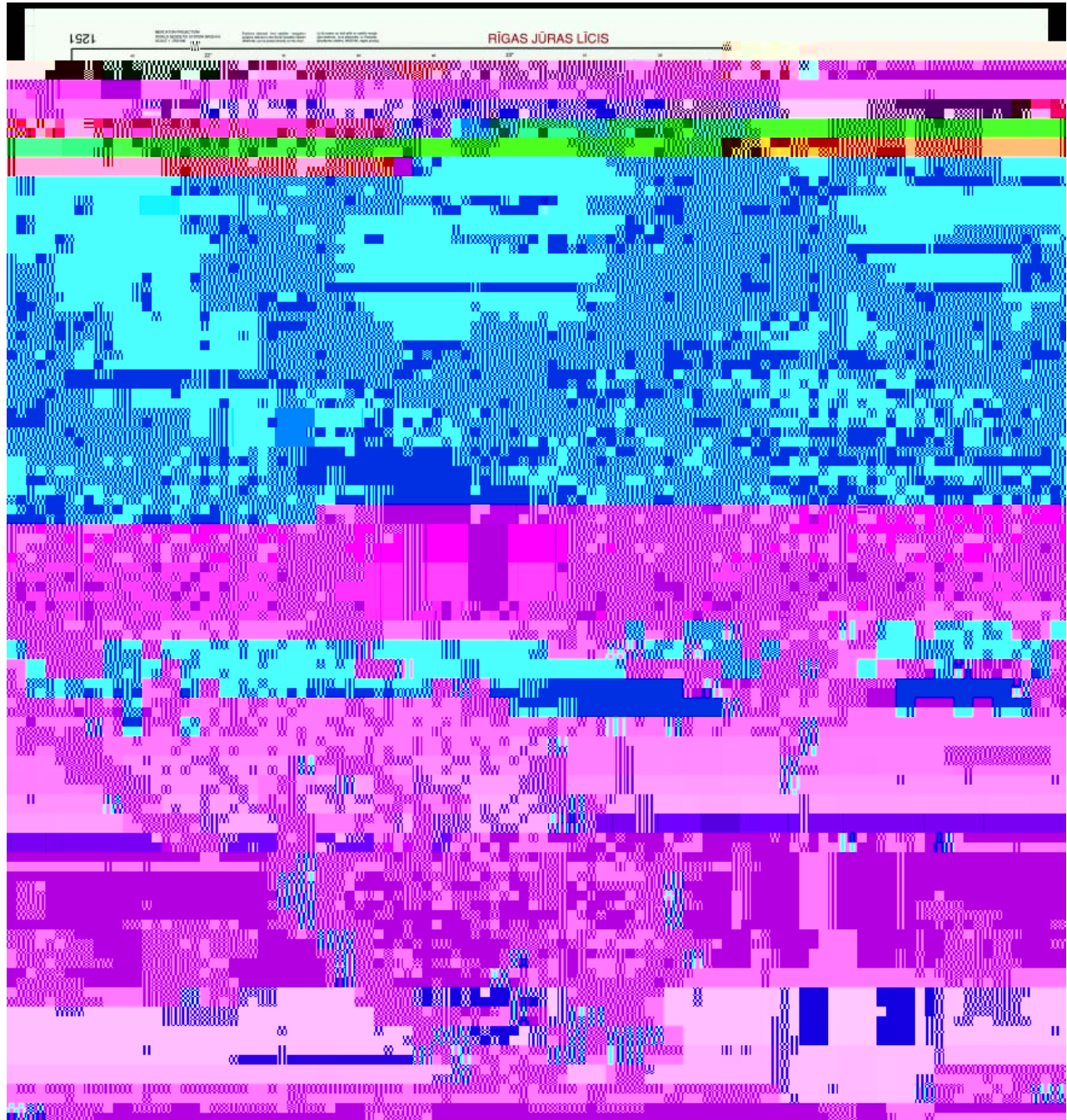
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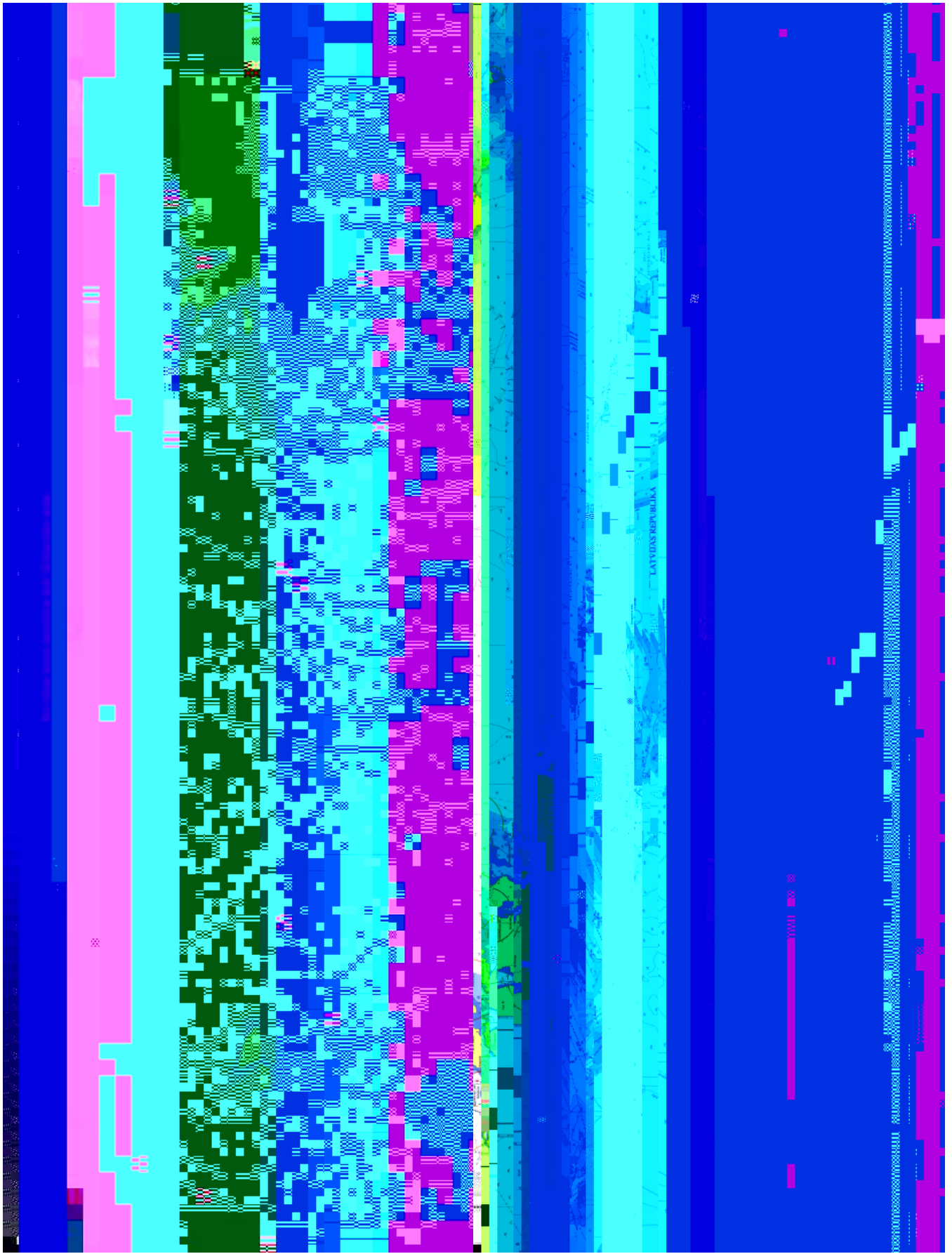
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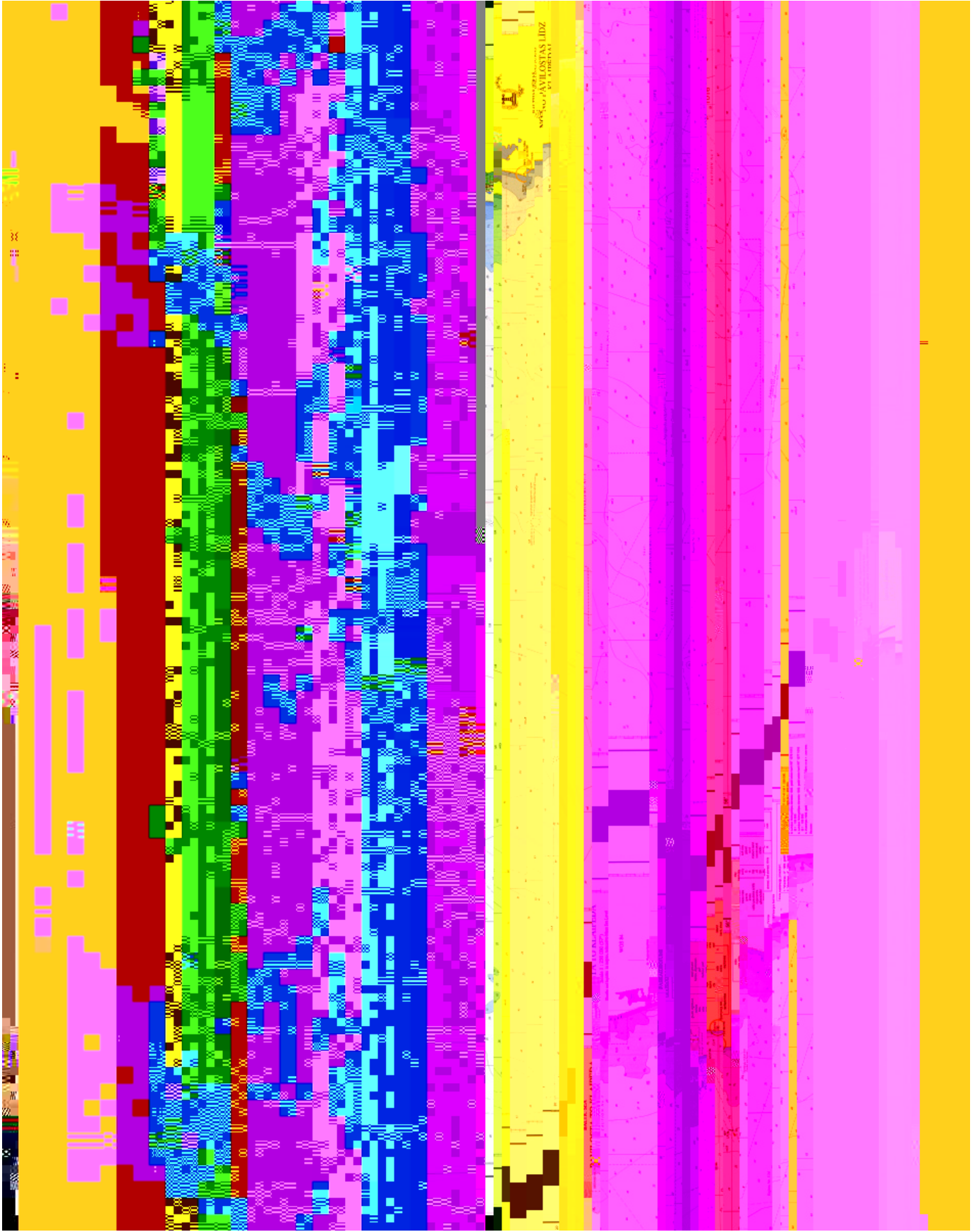
Deposit by the Republic of Latvia
of the list of geographical coordinates
of points pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2,
and article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 31 August 2005, the Republic of Latvia deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, and article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the followi-

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M.Z.N. 55. 2005. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 8 September 2005

Deposit by Croatia of the list of geographical coordinates of points pursuant to article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 2 September 2005, the Republic of Croatia deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the following list of geographical coordinates of points:

List of geographical coordinates of points defining the outer limit of the Ecological and Fisheries Protection Zone of the Republic of Croatia.

The note by which the deposit was effected contained the following statement: "In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Decision on the Extension of the Jurisdiction of the Republic of Croatia in the Adriatic Sea, adopted on 3 October 2003 by the Croatian Parliament, the co-ordinates of the outer limit of the Ecological and Fisheries Protection Zone of the Republic of Croatia are provisional, pending the conclusion of delimitation agreements with the States whose coasts are opposite or adjacent to the Croatian coast, once they extend their jurisdiction beyond their territorial sea in accordance with international law."

The list of geographical coordinates of points will be reproduced in the next issue of the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*.

The original list of geographical coordinates deposited by the Republic of Croatia may also be consulted at the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0450, telephone: (212) 963-3962 or fax: (212) 963-5847).

CROATIE

M.Z.N. 55. 2005. LOS (Notification Zone Maritime) 8 septembre 2005

Dépôt par la Croatie de la liste de coordonnées géographiques des points en vertu du paragraphe 2 de l'article 75 de la Convention

Le 2 septembre 2005, la République de Croatie a déposé auprès du Secrétaire général, en conformité avec le paragraphe 2 l'article 75 de la Convention la liste de coordonnées géographiques des points décrite ci-après:

Liste de coordonnées géographiques des points qui déterminent les limites extérieures de la Zone de protection écologique et des pêches de la République de Croatie.

La note au moyen de laquelle le dépôt a été effectué contenait la déclaration suivante: « Conformément au paragraphe 6 de la décision relative à l'étendue de la juridiction de la République

ANNEX II

CONTINENTAL SHELF NOTIFICATION

IRELAND

**CLCS. 04. 2005. LOS (Continental Shelf
Notification) 25 May 2005**

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations to Ireland pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

Une fois l'examen de la demande complété, la u(t)4(ra desd)-5r .14

ANNEX III

**TEXTS OF NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO
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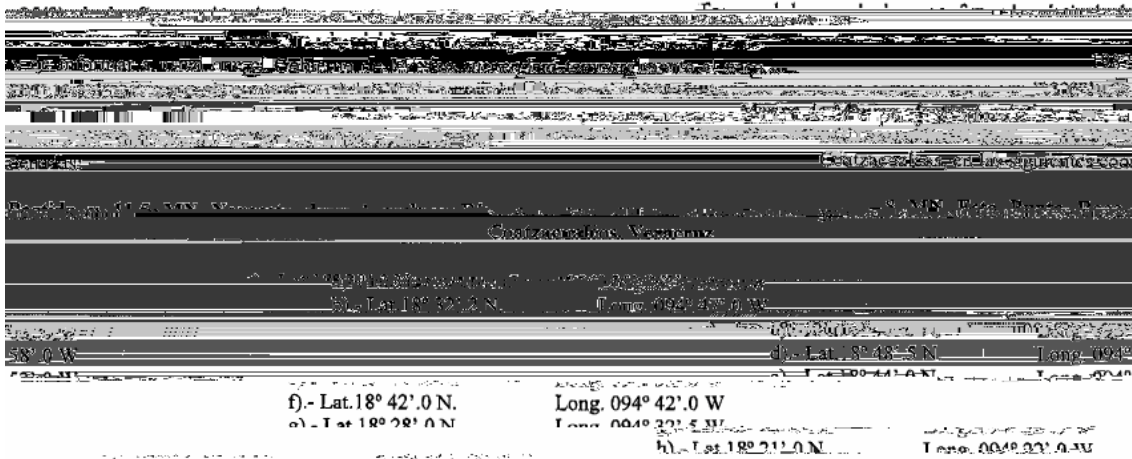
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Señor Secretario General,



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