AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES

The Italian Republic and the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter the "Parties"),

DESIRING to strengthen the ties of good-neighbourliness and cooperation between the two Parties;

TAKING NOTE of the Joint Declaration on the Adriatic Sea's resources signed in Rome on 24 May 2022;

AWARE of the need to delimit precisely the maritime zones over which the two states are entitled to exercise, respectively, their sovereign rights and jurisdiction in accordance with international law;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, to which the Italian Republic and the Republic of Croatia are Parties;

RECALLING the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Socialist Federative Republic of Yugoslavia on the delimitation of the continental shelf between the two countries, done at Rome on 8 January 1968, in force between the Italian Republic and the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter "the Agreement of 1968"), as well as the Agreement between the Government of the Italian Republic and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on accurate determination of the delimitation line of the continental shelf between the Italian Republic and the Republic of Croatia, done at Rome on 22 and 29 July 2005 and entered into force on 2 August 2005 (hereinafter "the technical adjustment Agreement of 2005");

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

 The boundary line of the exclusive economic zones to which the Parties are entitled to exercise, respectively, their sovereign rights and jurisdiction under international law coincides with the continental shelf boundary between the Parties in accordance with the Agreement of 1968 and the technical adjustment Agreement of 2005. 2. The coordinates of the boundary line hereby agreed by the Parties and expressed in the WGS-84 datum are the following:

5°27′13″ 5°25′43″ 5°20′07″ 5°16′49″ 5°12′19″ 5°11′04″ 4°58′28″	13°12'40" 13°11'07" 13°05'55" 13°03'40" 13°01'01" 13°00'10" 13°04'22" 13°06'07"
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°28'34"	13°10′43″
°28'01"	13°11′34″
°17'46"	13°27′55″
°12'37"	13°37′52″
°10′46″	13°40′01″
°00'37"	14°00′55″
3°57′37"	14°04′49″
°54′10″	14°10′07″
°43′01″	14°21′16″
°40′16″	14°23′31″
°38′31″	14°24′34″
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43°35′58″	14°26′16″
43°31′55″	14°30′07″
43°29′55″	14°31′49″
43°25′19″	14°35′07″
43°12′52″	14°46′01″
43°10′28″	14°47′52″
43°03′46″	14°54′40″
43°00′52″	14°57′49″
42°59′16″	15°00′37″
42°47′49″	15°09′28″
42°36′46″	15°21′46″
42°29′34″	15°44′46″
42°26′11″	15°59'32"
42°11′36″	16°13′38″
42°16′53″	16°34′30″
42°15′59″	16°37′04″
42°07′02″	16°56′37"
41°59′29″	17°12′54″
41°54′44″	17°18′42″
41°50′05″	17°37′03″
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3. From point 42 referred to in the previous paragraph, the delimitation line continues to a point which shall be agreed with the third State concerned.

Article 2

This Agreement is without prejudice to:

- a. fishing activities carried out in conformity with applicable EU rules and regulations;
- the sovereign rights and the jurisdiction exercised by each Party in its exclusive economic zone in conformity with Article 56 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
- c. the provisions of Article 58 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea regarding the rights, freedoms and duties of other States in the exclusive economic zone of the Parties.

Article 3

- 1. The Parties commit themselves to settle, through direct consultations or negotiations, any dispute which may arise concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement.
- 2. If such a dispute is not settled within four (4) months from the date on which one of the Parties gave notice of its intention to initiate the procedure provided for in the previous paragraph, either Party may submit the dispute to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, to the International Court of Justice or to an Arbitral Tribunal constituted in accordance with Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.
- For the identification of the court or tribunal to which a dispute may be submitted
 according to the previous paragraph, Article 287 of the United Nations Convention
 on the Law of the Sea and the Declarations made under the same article by the
 Parties shall apply mutatis mutandis.

Article 4

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification by which the Parties have notified each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for its entry into force.

In witness thereof the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Rome on 24 May 2022, in two originals, each in the Italian, Croatian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

For the Italian Republic

For the Republic of Croatia