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Subject: **Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (Paris, 2 November 2001) – Deposit of an instrument of ratification by Algeria**

The Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, acting in her capacity as depositary, communicates the following information:

On 26 February 2015, the Director-General received the above-mentioned instrument. The instrument of ratification was accompanied by a Note Verbale containing the following declaration:

“Declaration of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria concerning Articles 9.2 and 28 of the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage of 2 November 2001:

With reference to Article 9.2 of the Convention, the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria declares that, pursuant to paragraph 1.(b) of that Article, the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, a State Party to the Convention, designates the Algerian Naval Forces Command (Ministry of National Defence) as the sole addressee of information concerning discovery or activity directed at the underwater cultural heritage situated in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or on the continental shelf of another State Party.

The Algerian Naval Forces Command (Ministry of National Defence) is charged with forwarding the declaration to all States Parties.

With reference to Article 28 of the Convention, the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria declares that the Rules of the Convention shall apply to its inland waters not of a maritime character”. [original: French]

In accordance with the terms of its Article 27, the aforementioned Convention will enter into force with respect to this State three months after the date of the deposit of its instrument, that is to say on 26 May 2015.