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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 Guatemala**

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

On 3 November 2015, the Director-General received the above-mentioned instrument. The instrument was accompanied by a letter containing the following declarations:

“The Republic of Guatemala declares that the way in which it will transmit the information provided for in paragraph 1(b) of Article 9.1 shall be that provided for in subparagraph (ii) of that paragraph.”

“For the purposes of the provisions of Article 25.4, the Republic of Guatemala declares that it reserves the right to consider any of the dispute settlement procedures pursuant to Article 287 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, according to what may be agreed in each individual case.”

“Pursuant to Article 28, the Republic of Guatemala declares that the Rules shall apply to inland waters not of a maritime character.”

“The ratification of this Convention shall not constitute a total or partial renunciation of the sovereignty of the State of Guatemala over any territory (land, insular or maritime) which it claims; neither shall it be to the detriment of any right of the State of Guatemala over any such territory; nor shall it constitute a precedent for the strengthening or weakening of its claim over any territory. The Republic of Guatemala explicitly reserves its rights with respect to its claims of sovereignty over any territory (land, insular or maritime).” [Original: Spanish]

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 3 February 2016.