AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC ON THE DELIMITATION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MARITIME ZONES

The Italian Republic and the Hellenic Republic (hereinafter the "Parties" or the "countries");

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

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

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982), to which the two countries are parties;

REAFFIRMING the Agreement between the Italian Republic and the Hellenic Republic on the delimitation of their respective continental shelves, signed on the 24th of May 1977 and entered into force on 12th of November 1980;

RECALLING that the above Agreement establishes a boundary for the delimitation of the continental shelves between the two countries;

WISHING to apply the above continental shelf boundary for the delimitation of other maritime zones to which the two countries are entitled under international law;

HAVE AGREED upon the following:

Article 1

- 1. The boundary line of the maritime zones to which the two countries are entitled to exercise, respectively, their sovereign rights or jurisdiction under international law shall be the continental shelf boundary established under the 1977 Agreement between the Italian Republic and the Hellenic Republic on the delimitation of their respective continental shelves.
- 2. The coordinates of the above boundary line expressed in the WGS-84 datum are as follows:

A/A	LAI (WGS 84)	LON (WGS 84)
1	39°57' 38,46" N	18°57' 27,29" E
2	39°52' 20,45" N	18°56' 03,29" E
3	39°48' 56,44" N	18°54' 51,29" E
4	39°17' 14,40" N	18°55' 33,31" E
5	39°01' 56,39" N	18°53' 57,32" E
6	38°29' 56,34" N	18°43' 51,32" E
7	37°51' 56,29" N	18°28' 33,33" E
8	37°21' 14,26" N	18°16' 57,33" E
9	36°59' 26,23" N	18°19' 03,34" E
10	36°54' 20,23" N	18°19' 09,35" E
11	36°44' 56,22" N	18°18' 33,35" E
12	36°26' 26,20" N	18°17' 57,36" E
13	36°24' 02,19" N	18°17' 39,36" E
14	36°10' 56,18" N	18°15' 39,37" E
15	36°08' 56,18" N	18°15' 39,37" E
16	35°34' 08,15" N	18°20' 39,39" E

3. The delimitation, for the moment, shall not be intended to go beyond the point 1, to the North, and beyond the point 16, to the South. This delimitation shall be extended in either direction up to the junction points of the maritime zones of the respective neighboring States, once the relevant agreements will be concluded.

Article 2

Once a Party has taken the initiative to proclaim a maritime zone extending up to the boundary line of article 1 of this Agreement, it shall inform the other Party as early as possible.

Article 3

This Agreement is without prejudice to:

- a. fishing activities carried out in conformity with applicable EU rules and regulations;
- b. 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 as provided for in the above article.

Article 4

1. The Parties shall endeavour to settle, through diplomatic means, any dispute which may arise concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement.

2. If such a dispute is not settled within four months from the date on which one of the Parties gave notice of its intention to initiate the procedure provided for in the preceding paragraph, it shall be referred, at the request of either Party, to the International Court of Justice or to any other international body chosen by mutual consent.

Article 5

- 1. This Agreement shall be subject to ratification.
- 2. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification.

DONE at. Althons..., on 9 June 2020..., in two originals, each in the Italian, Greek and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in the interpretation of this Agreement, the text in English shall prevail.

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Camera dei deputati (atto n. 2786):

Presentato dal Ministro degli affari esteri e della cooperazione internazionale Luigi Di Maio (Governo Conte-II) il 16 novembre 2020.

Assegnato alla III Commissione permanente (affari esteri e comunitari) in sede referente il 3 dicembre 2020, con i pareri delle Commissioni I (affari costituzionali), V (bilancio), VIII (ambiente), IX (trasporti), XIII (agricoltura), XIV (politiche Unione europea).

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