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Nothing in the present note can be interpreted as prejudicing the position of the Russian Federation regarding the illegality of actions of the Ukrainian military vessels in the Kerch Strait area on 24-25 November 2018 as well as inapplicability of the dispute settlement procedures under the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea to the situation, in particular, due to the declarations made by the Russian Federation and Ukraine upon its signature and ratification.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.