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Pratica N.:

Prof. Mittente:

**OGGETTO: Oil exploration campaigns in the Croatian Offshore.**

Having had acquaintance with the fact that a campaign for the exploration and production of oil and gas reserves in the Adriatic Sea is underway in your country, with a letter dated January 14, 2015 we expressed our desire to take part in the SEA procedure of the programme, as provided by Directive 2001/42/CE and by the protocol of Kiev.

In representing that we're still waiting for an answer, that we urge with the present, we want to inform you that in the meanwhile the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs forwarded us an informative, received from the Italian Embassy in Zagreb, by which it updated the Ministry regarding projects, in energetic field, the execution of which is in progress or planned in the waters within the jurisdiction of Croatia.

In this report reference is made regarding the pre-assignment, by the Croatian Government, of ten of the 29 available licenses, in the field of oil exploration, in the waters of the Adriatic Sea.

Of these ten, two have been assigned to the former state company INA, seven to a consortium formed by the American company Marathon Oil and the Austrian company OMV, and finally one to the consortium formed by ENI and the Italian subsidiary of the British company Medoil Gas.

The note of the Embassy goes on saying that within the month of May of the current year new data acquisition campaigns, promoted directly by the assignee companies, could start, while the first drilling could take place within five years.

We have been informed also that is a short term intention of the Croatian government, to issue a new tender for the purpose of assigning the remaining 19 quadrants.

In this regard we want underline that although the Espoo Convention, for this type of work (geophysical surveys), doesn't provide for mandatory notification to the affected country, we would like, in analogy to what has previously carried out by Italy for similar activities in waters of its

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pertinence but localized in proximity of the dividing line with the waters of competence Croatian, acquire technical/environmental documentation about the activities planned in order to forward, where appropriate, our comments.

We trust in a prompt and positive response to this and our previous note.

We reckon useful anyhow to forward this letter also to the European Commission for appropriate information.

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