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Note verbale dated 23 May 2022 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, with reference to its note dated 2 March 2022 concerning the deposit by the Republic of Iraq on 8 November 2021 of a map and lists of geographical coordinates of points defining the territorial sea baselines of the Republic of Iraq, has the honour to place its objection on record regarding the announced lines, as it considers them in contradiction with the established principles of the international law of the sea, particularly point No. 8 therein, which is in violation of and conflicts with the bilateral treaty in force between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Iraq.

Furthermore, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran does not recognize those purported lines nor does it give them any legal effect, thereby considering them null and void.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations would be grateful if the present note verbale could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 78 (a), and published in the next *Law of the Sea Bulletin*.

