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Letter dated 11 May 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the note verbale dated 21 April 2022 from the Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman (see annex), in response to the letter from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates dated 16 December 2021 ([A/76/610](#)) enclosing a note verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates dated 14 December 2021 regarding naval declaration No. 10/2018 issued by the Ras Al Khaimah Port Authority on 7 May 2018.

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated among the Member States as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 78 (a).

(Signed) Mohamed **Al Hassan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 11 May 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

Note verbale dated 21 April 2022 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman addressed to the Secretary-General

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat.

The Ministry has the honour to refer to the letter dated 16 December 2021 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/76/610](#)), to which was annexed a note verbale dated 14 December 2021 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates concerning maritime notice No. 10/2018 issued by the Ra's al-Khaymah Port Authority in the United Arab Emirates on 7 May 2018.

In response to the note verbale of the United Arab Emirates, which is devoid of any legal bases or evidence, Oman would like to reaffirm the contents of the letter dated 5 June 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/74/942](#)) and the letter dated 22 December 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/75/700](#)). The Sultanate of Oman also wishes to reiterate the following:

It strongly protests and rejects maritime notice No. 10/2018 issued by the Ra's al-Khaymah Port Authority in the United Arab Emirates on 7 May 2018, as well as accompanying measures and procedures such as those contained in maritime notice No. 22/2021 issued on 7 November 2021, and maritime notices issued by other countries that reproduce and disseminate the contents of the aforementioned notice. Oman once again calls on member States to direct their flagged ships not to comply with said maritime notice because it is illegal and contrary to international law, inasmuch as it ignores article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and is also inconsistent with United Arab Emirates Federal Law No. 19 of 1993.

The Sultanate of Oman stresses that the Omani anchorage area provided for in maritime notice No. 13/2015 is located directly off the Omani coast and falls within the Omani territorial sea under the principles of international maritime law. It is therefore the actions of the United Arab Emirates and its encroachment on Omani waters that are endangering the safety of maritime navigation and putting lives at risk, and it is the United Arab Emirates that will bear responsibility for the consequences.

Oman once again condemns the United Arab Emirates for refusing to comply with international law and insisting on a course of action that violates the status quo. The United Arab Emirates will bear responsibility any consequences that result from its failure to comply with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Lastly, the Sultanate of Oman considers the present note verbale to be an official document and requests that the United Nations Secretariat take the necessary steps to circulate it to the delegations of Member States in accordance with established procedures.