

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

PRIME MINISTER

Zagreb, 31 July 2015

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Further to our previous exchange of letters, as a result of events that occurred after the public disclosure of conversations between the agent of the Republic of Slovenia and the arbitrator appointed by the Republic of Slovenia in the arbitration procedure that showed their illegal and unethical proceeding, I would like to inform you about the activities that the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian Parliament undertook.

Croatian Parliament instructed the Government of the Republic of Croatia to initiate the procedure for the termination of the Arbitration Agreement, and the Government did so at its meeting yesterday. Accordingly, the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia sent an appropriate diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. The Republic of Croatia also appropriately notified the Arbitration Tribunal and the UN General Secretary as the depositary of the Arbitration Agreement.

In the meantime, we have been notified that the arbitrator who had been appointed by the Republic of Croatia has also resigned. Croatia has no intention to appoint a new arbitrator in the arbitration procedure.

As I stated in my previous letter, in the view of the Republic of Croatia this arbitration procedure has been irreparably compromised making it necessary to take the mentioned steps. The Republic of Croatia is convinced that the procedure before this Court cannot continue, regardless of the changes in its composition.

The actions taken, which the Republic of Croatia considers to have been necessary, must not be an insurmountable obstacle to continuing the search for solutions to determine our common border.

In this regard, dear Mr. Prime Minister, I believe that the joint efforts of the Republic of Croatia and Slovenia to find a new way to settle this issue have no alternative. Our two neighbouring countries, which are true allies and partners in the EU and NATO, have many more things in common than those that sometimes may stand between us. To discuss our future joint steps in presenting our bilateral issues before an appropriate international forum, I express my readiness to see you in Croatia at your earliest convenience, just as I am prepared to travel to Slovenia if you deem it would be more convenient.

I suggest that our Cabinets agree the technical details of the date and place of the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

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