The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Latvia and has the honour to notify the Embassy that the Latvian fishing vessel "Senator", with registration number LV174K and call sign YLAC, owned by North Star Ltd, Miera str. 87a - 13, Riga, Latvia, and with skipper Mr Rafael Uzakov, Pobed str. 3-22, Nevelsk, Russia, was arrested by the Norwegian Coast Guard on 16 January 2017 on suspicion of having contravened

- Act 6 June No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources, sections 16 and 61,
- Regulations 19 December 2014 No. 1836 prohibiting the catching of snow crab,
- Regulations 30 August 2010 No. 1229 relating to the reporting (position, catch and activity) and control of fishery operations and catches etc. in the Fishery Protection Zone around Svalbard, sections 4, 5 and 20, and Act 13 June 1997 No. 42 relating to the coast guard, section 36.

The suspected contraventions are related to the catching of snow crab on the Norwegian continental shelf. The case is subject to further legal proceedings in accordance with Norwegian law.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.

Oslo, 17 January 2017

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