New Approaches to Solving Complex Sovereignty and Delimitation Disputes at Sea: Arbitration between the Republic of Croatia and the Republic of Slovenia

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After more than a quarter of a century since their independence, Slovenia and Croatia are still in a process of finalizing their land and maritime border. In 2009, Slovenia and Croatia signed the Arbitration Agreement, submitting their dispute to an ad hoc arbitration after years of unsuccessful attempts of trying to reach a mutually acceptable solution through bilateral negotiations and resort to third-party diplomatic procedures. The Arbitral Tribunal rendered its Final Award on 29 June 2017, in which, based on a specific mandate given to it by the parties, it found also an innovative solution for determination of the, so called Junction Area, connecting Slovenia to the High Sea. The award still awaits its full implementation, as Croatia continues to reject its validity and Slovenia is considering possible responses.

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