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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and with reference to the circular CLCS.55.2011.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) dated February 25 2011, concerning Bangladesh's submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, takes note of the following statements of Bangladesh at page 7 of the Executive Summary:

“...dispute exists between Bangladesh and India for the purposes of Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure in respect of: (a) the unresolved delimitation between the two countries in the Bay of Bengal; and, (b) the straight baselines of India gazetted on 11 May 2009 from which India purported to measure the breadth of its continental shelf, and to which Bangladesh objects”. (paragraph 5.6)

“... on 8 October 2009, it instituted arbitral proceedings pursuant to Article 287 and Annex VII of the Convention with respect to the delimitation of the territorial sea, EEZ and continental shelf between Bangladesh and India. As at the date of the lodgement of the present Submission, the proceedings remain ongoing”. (paragraph 5.8)

The Permanent Mission of India also has the honour to refer to page 4 of the Executive Summary of India's Partial Submission to the CLCS which referred to the outstanding maritime delimitation between India and Bangladesh, and to section 9(1) of India's Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and Other Maritime Zones Act, 1976, which provides that:

The maritime boundaries between India and any State whose coast is opposite or adjacent to that of India in regard to their respective territorial waters, contiguous zones, continental shelves, exclusive economic zones and other maritime zones shall be as determined by agreement (whether entered into before or after the commencement of this section) between India and

such State and pending such agreement between India and any such State, and unless any other provisional arrangements are agreed to between them, the maritime boundaries between India and such State shall not extend beyond the line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest point from which the breadth of the territorial waters of India and of such State are measured.

The Permanent Mission of India has the honour further to state that the Baselines drawn by Bangladesh do not conform to the provisions of Article 7 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

In view of the above, the Permanent Mission of India notes that Bangladesh's submission for an extended continental shelf is without prejudice to the question of delimitation of relevant maritime boundaries between India and Bangladesh, which is the subject matter of ongoing arbitral proceedings.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations avails of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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