

**PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK
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The Permanent Mission of Denmark presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his communication of 31 March 2009 (Continental Shelf Notification CLCS.20.2009.LOS) regarding receipt of a partial submission made by Ireland to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour on behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of the Faroes to make the following declaration.

The continental shelf of the Faroe Islands comprises seabed areas of the Faroe Plateau to which, according to the Executive Summary of the above-mentioned submission, the Government of Ireland believes it has rights. The ten year limit, set out in Article 4 of Annex II to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, expires for the Kingdom of Denmark on 16 December 2014 and the Kingdom of Denmark will transmit a partial submission regarding the Faroe Plateau to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf within that time limit.

The Kingdom of Denmark and Ireland are States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. According to Article 9 of Annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea the actions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

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Further, consistent with Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in conjunction with its Annex I, a submission to a disputed area may only be subject to a consideration by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf if prior consent is given by all States parties to the dispute.

The Kingdom of Denmark confirms that the 1988 Agreement between Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the delimitation of the continental shelf referred to in the Executive Summary does not prejudice the rights of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Faroe Plateau.

It is the position of the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of the Faroes that the consideration of the submission of Ireland, and any recommendations thereof, would prejudice its forthcoming submission in respect of the same area and should consequently only be considered simultaneously with the submission of the Kingdom of Denmark in respect of the same area.

In accordance with the aforementioned the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of the Faroes, having regard to the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, *viz.* Rule 46 and Annex I, 5(a) wish to declare that until further notice, consent is not given to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf to consider the information and data submitted by Ireland in the submission referred to above.

The Kingdom of Denmark recognizes the references made in the Executive Summary to the quadrilateral talks between the Kingdom of Denmark, Iceland, Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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The Kingdom of Denmark confirms its commitment to continue such talks between the four parties with a view to reaching an agreement.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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