

REPUBLIC OF KOREA
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to note verbale SC/13/178, dated 30 April 2013, from the Permanent Mission of Japan concerning the Partial Submission of the Republic of Korea to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf dated 26 December 2012.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations has the further honour to note that the referenced note verbale does not add much to the existing statements of Japan's views, as it merely repeats Japan's previously stated views. In this regard, the Government of the Republic of Korea firmly reiterates its position, as expressed in its note verbale to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the United Nations dated 23 January 2013, MUN/022/13.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations further notes that the only new element introduced in Japan's new note verbale is the assertion that "since there have been frequent contacts between the two Governments, the Government of the Republic of Korea has been well aware of the position of the Government of Japan." The Government of the Republic of Korea would like to make it clear that there has never been any such contact as a matter of fact. While the Republic of Korea has repeatedly invited Japan to engage in consultations, Japan has declined to accept any such invitation.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations respectfully requests the Secretariat of the United Nations to circulate this note verbale among the members of the Commission, all States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and all Members of the United Nations.

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

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