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Canada: Notification regarding the submission made by the Russian Federation to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 24 January 2002, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Canada a note verbale dated 18 January 2002, referring to the submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, made by the Russian Federation on 20 December 2001, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention.

The text of the note verbale is attached for information.



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The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Continental Shelf Notification CLCS.01.2001.LOS, regarding the formal submission by the Russian Federation through the Secretary-General to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 20 December 2001.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations has the further honour to inform the Secretary-General that Canada is not in a position to determine whether it agrees with the Russian Federation's Arctic continental shelf submission without the provision of further supporting data to analyse and that Canada's inability to comment at this point should not be interpreted as either agreement or acquiescence by Canada to the Russian Federation's submission.

The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations also wishes to note that the Russian Federation submission on the limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 miles to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and any recommendations by the Commission in response are without prejudice to the question of delimitation of the continental shelf between Canada and the Russian Federation.

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

New York, 18 January 2002

