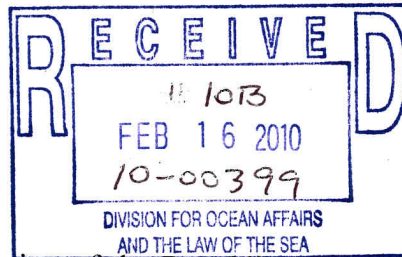




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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and in response to its **Note DAOLOS/Piracy 2009** dated 8 January 2010 relating to paragraphs 72 and 73 of General Assembly resolution 64/71 of 4 December 2009 on oceans and the law of the sea, has the honour to submit the following information:

“The legislation of the Republic of Bulgaria does not contain specific provisions on piracy.

Nevertheless, Article 6, para. 2 of the Penal Code recognizes the concept of universal jurisdiction, stating that ‘The Penal Code shall also apply to other crimes committed by foreign nationals abroad, where this is stipulated in an international agreement to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party. In this regard it should be mentioned that Bulgaria is a party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Consequently, the provisions on piracy in the high seas contained in the UNCLOS are applicable.

In addition, Article 5, para. 4 of the Constitution stipulates that international agreements which have been ratified and have entered into force for the Republic of Bulgaria shall prevail over the provisions of the national legislation.”

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

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