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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Government of the Cook Islands presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Submission by the Cook Islands to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf concerning the Manihiki Plateau submitted on 16 April 2009, pursuant to Article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982 ('the Convention').

The Ministry refers to Note Verbale UN_NV_COK_008_07_08_2012 and letter dated 7 August 2012 from the Chairperson of the Subcommission established to consider the Submission of the Cook Islands, advising that a revised Executive Summary should be produced by the Cook Islands in order to give due publicity to the revised outer limits of the continental shelf of the Cook Islands concerning the Manihiki Plateau, consistent with a decision of the Commission of 6 August 2012.

The Ministry recalls the presentations made by the Delegation of the Cook Islands to the Subcommission on 24 and 26 April 2012, as summarised in COK-PRES-02-26_04_2012 and COK_DOC_04_27_04_2012, concerning the revision of the outer limit of the continental shelf of the Cook Islands in the Manihiki Plateau. In this regard, and consistent with the position stated in the presentations to the Subcommission, the Government of the Cook Islands remains of the view that the revision to the outer limits determined by it does not result in a significant departure from the original submitted outer limits, particularly when considered by reference to other cases of revisions and amendments that have arisen during the examination of submissions made by other States.

In view however of the decision of the Commission regarding this matter, the Government of the Cook Islands hereby provides the following addendum to the Executive Summary, supplied in both hard copy and electronic file, and requests that the Addendum (CKI-ES-ADD-DOC) dated 10 August 2012 be publicised together with the Executive Summary submitted on 19 April 2009. The

Addendum contains a revised table of fixed points that define the outer limit of the continental shelf and an illustrative map.

The Ministry notes also that it has not been provided with the full text of the decision of the Commission of 6 August 2012, and hereby requests that this information be provided to the Government of the Cook Islands for consideration and review.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Cook Islands requests that this Note Verbale be circulated to all Members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and to all States Parties to the Convention.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Government of the Cook Islands avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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