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The Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to communication CLCS.76.2014.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) regarding the receipt on 15 December 2014 of the Partial Submission made by the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf regarding the Northern Continental Shelf of Greenland, with an Executive Summary of the Partial Submission enclosed.

In accordance with rule 5 (a) of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure of the said Commission, the Permanent Mission of Norway has the honour to submit the following comments of the Norwegian Government concerning the Partial Submission of the Kingdom of Denmark, pertaining to any possible future unresolved delimitation issue between Norway and Denmark/Greenland with regard to the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles in the Arctic Ocean.

On 27 March 2009 the Commission adopted its Recommendations on the limits of the Continental Shelf with regard to the Submission made by Norway in respect of areas in the Arctic Ocean, the Barents Sea and the Norwegian Sea on 27 November 2006. As described in Section 7 of the Executive Summary of the Partial Submission relating to the Northern Continental Shelf of Greenland, the claim of Denmark/Greenland covers an area in the Arctic Ocean which overlaps with the Norwegian continental shelf in that area as recommended by the Commission.

On 20 February 2006 Norway and Denmark together with the Government of Greenland, signed an Agreement concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf and the fisheries zones in the area between Greenland and Svalbard. The Agreement entered into force on 2 June 2006. In the Agreement's preamble the parties expressed their intention to revert to the delimitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles in connection with the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf. The final delimitation will, as appropriate, be determined through a bilateral Agreement.

On 24 January 2007 the Government of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland confirmed that they had no objection to the Commission considering and making recommendations on the Norwegian submission of 27 November 2006 without prejudice to any future delimitation.

The unresolved delimitation issue represents a "maritime dispute" for the purpose of Rule 5 (a) of Annex I to the said Rules of Procedure. Accordingly, the actions of the Commission shall, in accordance with Article 9 of Annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, not prejudice matters relating to the delimitation of the continental shelf between Norway and Denmark/Greenland.

On the above understanding, Norway consents, in accordance with the said Rule 5 (a), to the consideration and recommendations by the Commission of the Partial Submission with regard to the "area under dispute" as described above.

Such recommendations are without prejudice to any possible submissions of additional documentation for areas in the Arctic Ocean by Norway at a later stage following this Partial Submission.

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

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