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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his communication dated 15 December 2014 (Continental Shelf Notification CLCS. 76.2014. LOS) regarding receipt of the submission made by the Kingdom of Denmark to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Permanent Mission has the honour to transmit the following comments from the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the Danish submission.

The Russian Federation wishes to draw the attention of the Secretary-General to the potential overlap of the continental shelf of the Russian Federation and that of the Kingdom of Denmark in the area referred to in the Danish submission.

Nevertheless, in accordance with the agreement reached between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Denmark, the Russian Federation does not object to the Commission's consideration of the submission made by the Kingdom of Denmark or to the issuance of recommendations by the Commission on that submission.

At the same time, the Russian Federation considers that any recommendations made by the Commission in respect of the Danish submission shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Russian Federation during the Commission's consideration of the Russian submission.

Any recommendations to be made by the Commission concerning the submission of the Kingdom of Denmark shall not prejudice matters relating to the further delimitation of the continental shelf between the Russian Federation and the Kingdom of Denmark in bilateral negotiations in accordance with international law.

The Permanent Mission requests the Secretary-General to bring the content of this diplomatic note to the attention of the States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 and members of the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 21 July 2015

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