## PERMANENT MISSION OF JAPAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK

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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, has the honour to refer to the Note Verbal MUN/022/13 dated 23 January 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In response to the aforementioned Note, the Permanent Mission of Japan has further the honour to state anew to the Secretariat that the Government of Japan cannot accept the argument made by the Government of the Republic of Korea regarding its submission, for the same reasons mentioned in Note Verbal SC/13/019 dated 11 January 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Japan addressed to the Secretariat of the United Nations.

The Government of Japan believes that since there have been frequent contacts between the two Governments, the Government of the Republic of Korea has been well aware of the position of the Government of Japan.

For the same reasons given in the aforementioned Note Verbale SC/13/019, the Permanent Mission of Japan has the honour to request again, on behalf of the Government of Japan, the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") not to consider the submission made by the Republic of Korea.

The Permanent Mission of Japan has further the honour to request the Secretariat that this Note Verbale be transmitted to the Commission, all States Parties to United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and all Member States of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Japan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

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