



PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and referring to the article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and article 4 of its Annex II, has the honour to submit to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in respect of Bouvetøya and Dronning Maud Land.

The enclosures include particulars of such limits along with supporting scientific and technical data, as defined in a separate list of material provided.

Norway respectfully requests the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf to consider the information submitted in respect of Bouvetøya.

As regards the information submitted in respect of Dronning Maud Land, Norway would like to state the following:

Norway recalls the principles and objectives shared by the Antarctic Treaty and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter the Convention) and the importance of the Antarctic system and the Convention working in harmony and thereby ensuring the continuing peaceful cooperation, security and stability in the Antarctic area.

Norway notes also the relevant provisions of the Convention, including its article 77, which provides inter alia that the rights of the coastal State over the continental shelf do not depend on any

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express proclamation, and recalls the decisions of Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention and the rules of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter the Commission).

Norway has regard to the circumstances of the area south of 60 degrees South Latitude and the special legal and political status of Antarctica under the provisions of the Antarctic Treaty, including its article IV, and notes that appurtenant to Antarctica there exist areas of continental shelf the extent of which has yet to be defined. It is open to the States concerned to submit information to the Commission which would not be examined by it for the time being, or to make a partial submission not including such areas of continental shelf, for which a submission may be made later, notwithstanding the provisions regarding the ten-year period established by article 4 of Annex II to the Convention and the subsequent decision on its application taken by the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

Consistent with the first option, Norway requests the Commission in accordance with its rules not to take any action for the time being with regard to the information in this submission that relates to continental shelf appurtenant to Antarctica, including Dronning Maud Land.

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.

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