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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to the circular communications from the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 4 March 2013, CLCS.1.REV.2013.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification), concerning the receipt of the partial revised Submission made by the Russian Federation to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), has the honor to submit the following views by the Government of Japan.

With reference to the Executive Summary of revision of the partial submission related to the continental shelf in the Sea of Okhotsk, the Government of Japan confirms that it does not object to Russia's request to the Commission to consider Russia's revised partial submission.

The Government of Japan has further the honor to confirm that this Note Verbale itself and the possible Commission's recommendations to be made in relation to the aforementioned Russia's revised partial submission shall be without prejudice to the position and view of the Government of Japan in regard to the Islands of Etorofu, Kunashiri, Shikotan and Habomai, which are inherent part of the Japanese territory, as well as to the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf yet to be agreed upon between Japan and the Russian Federation.

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

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