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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the partial submission made the Kingdom of Tonga to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ('**Commission**') pursuant to Article 76(8) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ('**Convention**'), in relation to the western part of the Lau-Colville Ridge, presented through Note CLCS.73.2014.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) dated 24 April 2014.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to advise that the area of extended continental shelf along the western part of the Lau-Colville Ridge, beyond 200 nautical miles contained in the Tongan submission overlaps in part with the area of extended continental shelf contained in Fiji's submission of 30th April 2012.

Furthermore, as in accordance with Annex III, section II. Part 2 (a) (v) of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, which allows comments by States on *data reflected in the executive summary including all charts and coordinates*, the Republic of Fiji regards the baselines used by the Kingdom of Tonga referred to as the Minerva reefs are located on features which are consistent with Article 13(2) and Article 121(3) of the Convention. Hence, Fiji would like to inform the Commission that the above subject areas are in dispute and is yet, to be resolved between Fiji and Tonga.

Whilst the Republic of Fiji notes the statement by the Kingdom of Tonga in the Executive Summary of its submission relating to overlapping claims in the western part of the Lau-Colville Ridge, consistent with Article 76, paragraph 10 of the Convention,

the Republic of Fiji wishes to draw the attention of the Commission to the importance of appropriate implementation of the provisions of the Convention.

The Republic of Fiji requests that this note verbal be made available to Member States of the United Nations and the Commission, and further requests that it be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji 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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