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New York, October 7, 2014.

To H.E.Mr. BAN Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations  
New York

Excellency,

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and refers to the note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations (Ref #7/14), dated 9 January 2014, addressed to you, Excellency, in which Kenya makes certain land and maritime boundary claims, including a purported international boundary with Somalia.

Somalia has in the past objected, and hereby continues to object, to the claims made by Kenya, in particular the purported maritime boundary with Somalia. Kenya's unilateral declaration of its maritime boundary with Somalia, which has not been agreed to (or recognized) by Somalia, has no validity under international law. Kenya's claims are inconsistent with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and with the jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea, and arbitral tribunals convened under Part XV and Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Kenya's purported maritime boundary with Somalia encroaches upon Somalia's Exclusive Economic Zone, the outer limits of which were declared in the Proclamation of the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, dated 30 June 2014 (posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea ("DOALOS"), Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los)). Somalia wishes to draw the attention of all States to its established maritime zones as reflected in the list of coordinates deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and posted on the website of DOALOS. Somalia urges all States to inform all entities that are interested in undertaking any activity in Somalia's maritime zones to seek Somalia's explicit

authorization, as such areas come under Somalia's sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction.

In order to resolve the dispute between Somalia and Kenya over the location of the maritime boundary, and obtain a final and binding judgment in conformity with international law, on 28 August 2014, Somalia filed an Application instituting legal proceedings against Kenya in the International Court of Justice.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the United Nations requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to distribute this letter to any other relevant United Nations entity.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



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