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Receipt of the submission made by the Republic of Iceland to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 29 April 2009, the Republic of Iceland submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, 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 the Ægir Basin area and in the western and southern parts of Reykjanes Ridge.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Iceland on 16 November 1994.

According to the submitting State, this is a partial submission, which "does not cover the continental shelf of Iceland in the Hatton-Rockall area, which is subject to overlapping claims by other States, or in the eastern part of Reykjanes Ridge which potentially overlaps the Hatton-Rockall area. In order not to prejudice questions relating to the delimitation of boundaries between States in the Hatton-Rockall area, a submission for both of these areas will be made at a later stage."

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the partial submission, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the partial submission is available through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

The consideration of the partial submission made by Iceland will be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 10 August to 11 September 2009.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.