

Letter dated 15 June 2009 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the submission made by the Kingdom of Norway to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (see notification CLCS.30.2009.LOS dated 5 May 2009) and also to the note No. 82 dated 21 February 2007 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, has the honour to state the following.

On the basis of the provisions of Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959, the Russian Federation does not recognize any claims concerning areas falling within the scope of that treaty, and also considers that the making of such claims by any Government shall not create rights regarding the seabed (continental shelf) and subsoil thereof in areas adjoining the continent of Antarctica.

In that connection, the Russian Federation notes and supports the request by the Kingdom of Norway that the Commission should take no actions regarding the part of the submission by the Kingdom of Norway that relates to the seabed (continental shelf) adjoining Antarctica in the area falling within the scope of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty.

The Russian Federation also requests that this notification be placed on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat and brought to the attention of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations that this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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