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Basic flowchart for preparation of a submission of a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Adopted provisionally by the Commission at its seventh session on 5 May 2000

1. At its sixth session (30 August-3 September 1999), the Commission agreed upon an action plan for training (CLCS/18, para. 14). Among the actions to be taken was the preparation of a manual in the form of a flowchart to assist coastal States throughout the process of preparation of a submission to the Commission (ibid., para. 15). It was also agreed to undertake a draft outline for a proposed training course of approximately five days’ duration aimed at practitioners in developing countries who would take part in the preparation of the submission of a coastal State (ibid., para. 17).

2. At the current session, the Commission proceeded to work on the basic flowchart for the preparation of a submission and decided to adopt it provisionally pending the preparation of a technical publication by the Secretariat in the form of a training manual. The Commission decided to issue the flowchart as a document, on the understanding that it was of a recommendatory nature aimed at assisting States in preparing their submissions.

3. The basic flowchart for preparation of a submission of a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf is reproduced on the following page.
BASIC FLOWCHART FOR PREPARATION OF A SUBMISSION OF A COASTAL STATE TO THE COMMISSION ON THE LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

**PROCESS**

1. Article 76 and Guidelines
2. Test of Appurtenance
3. Desktop Study
4. Project Planning*
5. Data Acquisition
6. Mapping/Interpretation
7. Define limits beyond 200 M*
8. Prepare Submission*
9. Send submission to CLCS and follow Modus Operandi

**TOPICS**

- Open Meeting Presentations 1 and 4 + Annex I and II of the Rules of Procedure
- Evaluation of existing data as per the guidelines
- Potential outer limits
- Additional data and information
- As part of a joint submission
- Cost-benefit of submission
- Additional data requirements
- Foot of the continental slope
- Sediment thickness
- 2500m isobath
- Geodetic measurements
- Need for technical assistance and training
- Survey planning
- Procurement of equipment and services
- Analysis and synthesis of data
- Hardware and software requirements
- Assessment and documentation of measurement errors
- Consultations with other States, if necessary
- Chapter 9 of the Guidelines, Open Meeting 6, Modus Operandi*

* Scientific advice by CLCS is available in accordance with Annex II, art. 3(1)(b) of UNCLOS