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Receipt of the joint submission made by the Republic of Benin and the Togolese Republic to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

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

On 21 September 2018, the Republic of Benin and the Togolese Republic jointly 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.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Benin on 15 November 1997 and for Togo on 16 November 1994. It is also noted that, on 2 April 2009, Benin and Togo jointly submitted preliminary information on the limits of the continental shelf in respect of the Benin-Togo coast in the Gulf of Guinea, pursuant to the *Decision regarding the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the ability of States, particularly developing States, to fulfil the requirements of article 4 of annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a)*, adopted by the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (SPLOS/183).

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the present communication is being 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 submission, including all charts and coordinates contained therein. The executive summary of the Submission is available on 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 joint Submission will be included in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session of the Commission, scheduled to be held in New York from 28 January to 15 March 2019.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will issue recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.