The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the receipt by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 23 May 2019 of a partial submission from Canada regarding 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 Arctic Ocean.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark notes that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which both the Kingdom of Denmark and Canada are parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in particular its Annex I, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to the delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

Referring to Section 5c of the Executive Summary of the partial submission by Canada, the Permanent Mission of Denmark has the honour to advise the Secretary-General that it has taken note of the overlap in the area north of Greenland relating to the partial submission made by the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland on 15 December 2014, regarding the northern continental shelf of Greenland.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark further has the honour to confirm that it does not object to the consideration of the partial submission of Canada by the Commission and notes that the recommendations made by the Commission in respect of the submission are without prejudice both to the consideration by the Commission of any submission by the Kingdom of Denmark and to matters relating to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the Kingdom of Denmark and Canada.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations requests that this Note be made available to States Parties to the Convention and members of the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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