

**UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and, referring to its communication CLCS.76.2014.LOS of December 15, 2014 concerning receipt of the partial submission made by the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (“partial submission”), has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the United States.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in particular Annex I thereto, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The United States has taken note of the view expressed in the Executive Summary of the partial submission that the entitlement of the United States of America to continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean could overlap with the outer limits of the Northern Continental Shelf of Greenland.

With reference to the Executive Summary of the partial submission, the Government of the United States confirms that it does not object to the Kingdom of Denmark's request that the Commission consider the data and other material in the partial submission and make its recommendation on the basis of this information, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf by the United States of America, or to any delimitation of the continental shelf between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United States of America.

The United States Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.