The Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to submit the Reservation of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman on the Continental Shelf Submission of India with particular reference on its claim to its continental shelf adjoining that of Oman.

The Permanent Representative of Oman further requests that this reservation is distributed as an official document of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York
A Diplomatic Note on India’s Continental Shelf Submission

The Sultanate of Oman has taken note of the submission made by India on its claim to the outer limits of the continental shelf submitted on 11 May 2009.

Oman acknowledges that the area of continental shelf contained in India’s submission overlaps with the area to be included in Oman’s submission. The Sultanate of Oman further confirms that it is actively involved in the preparation of a continental shelf claim and plans to present its submission as detailed in its preliminary indicative information submitted to the CLCS on 15 April 2009. The overlap area is, therefore, subject to the delimitation of a continental shelf boundary between Oman and India.

Without prejudice to future delimitation or any Continental Shelf submission by Oman, the “potential maritime boundaries” in the Arabian Sea published in India’s submission area was constructed unilaterally and, therefore, these boundaries are subject to future delimitation.