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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and, with reference to Note No. MUN/230/11 dated 11 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has the honour to refer to Note No. SC/11/233 dated 9 August 2011 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the Secretariat of the United Nations and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Permanent Mission of Japan has further the honour to inform the Secretariat and the Commission that the position of Japan regarding the aforementioned Note from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea has been expressed in the aforementioned Note No. SC/11/233 from the Permanent Mission of Japan, and that Japan has no intention to repeat the points made therein in the present Note.

Japan wishes to note, however, that the quotation in the aforementioned Note from the Republic of Korea regarding the Commission's decision at its 24th session omits the words, "until the Commission decides to do so." In this regard, Japan would like to draw the attention of the Commission to paragraph 1 of Rule 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, which provides that "the Commission shall consider and approve or amend the recommendations prepared by the subcommission following their submission by the subcommission." Japan considers that a situation in which the Commission takes no action on a part of recommendations prepared by the subcommission is not envisioned under the Rules of Procedure or in any other relevant document.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations requests the Secretariat and the Commission to restrict distribution of the present Note to Members of the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat and the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf the assurances of its highest consideration.

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