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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to the Note Verbal MUN/191/13 dated 26 August 2013 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, has the honour to clearly state anew the position of the Government of Japan as follows.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations would like to draw the attention of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) that it is evident that in the area which is the subject of the submission made by the Republic of Korea, there exists a maritime dispute as provided for in paragraph 5 (a) of the Annex I of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission. In accordance with that paragraph, the Commission shall not consider and qualify the submission made by the Republic of Korea without prior consent given by Japan, which is a party to such a dispute. As evidently stated in the Note Verbal SC/13/019 dated 11 January 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the United Nations, the Government of Japan does not give such prior consent.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations has, therefore, further the honour to request anew, on behalf of the Government of Japan, the Commission not to consider the submission made by the Republic of Korea. The reasons for the request have been also stated in the above-mentioned Note Verbale from the Permanent Mission of Japan and in the Note Verbale SC/13/178 dated 30 April 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Japan addressed to the Secretariat of the United Nations as well.

In response to the content of the above-mentioned Korean Note Verbale, the Permanent Mission of Japan would also like to reiterate what

has been already stated in its Note Verbale SC/13/178.

The Permanent Mission of Japan has further the honour to request the Secretariat that this Note Verbale be transmitted to the Commission, all States Parties to the Convention and all Member States of the United Nations.

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

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