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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
Montego Bay, 10 December 1982**

Receipt of the joint Submission made by the Republic of Fiji and Solomon Islands
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
in the Melanesian Borderlands Plateau region

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 9 July 2025, the Republic of Fiji and Solomon Islands jointly submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, information on 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 Melanesian Borderlands Plateau region.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Fiji on 16 November 1994 and for Solomon Islands on 23 July 1997.

According to the coastal States, this is a joint partial Submission, which follows the preliminary information submitted on 21 April 2009 by Fiji and Solomon Islands pursuant to the *Decision regarding the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the ability of States, particularly developing States, to fulfil the requirements of article 4 of annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a) (SPLOS/183)*. According to the coastal States, the preliminary information is on the Melanesian Borderlands Plateau, which was termed 'Charlotte Bank Region' in that document.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission (CLCS/40/Rev.2), the present communication is being circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the Submission, including all illustrative maps and lists of geographical coordinates of points contained therein. The executive summary is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

The consideration of the Submission will be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will issue recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

