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Receipt of the submission made by Norway to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

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

On 27 November 2006, Norway submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8 of the Convention, 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 for three separate areas in the North East Atlantic and the Arctic: the Loop Hole in the Barents Sea; the Western Nansen Basin in the Arctic Ocean; and the Banana Hole in the Norwegian Sea.

According to the submitting State: "[t]he present submission deals only with the outer limits of the continental shelf in these three areas. A further submission may be made in respect of other areas".

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Norway on 24 July 1996.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is 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 charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the joint submission is available through 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 made by Norway shall be included in the provisional agenda of the nineteenth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 5 March to 13 April 2007.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

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