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The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his communication of 21 December 2006, Ref.: CLCS.07.2006.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification), regarding receipt of the submission made by Norway to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to convey the following:

On 20 September 2006, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Prime Minister of the Government of the Faroes, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway signed, in New York, Agreed Minutes on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf beyond 200 Nautical Miles between the Faroe Islands, Iceland and Norway in the Southern Part of the Banana Hole of the Northeast Atlantic.

According to the Agreed Minutes, when one State submits documentation concerning the outer limits of its continental shelf in the southern part of the Banana Hole to the Commission, the other States will notify the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure that they do not object to the Commission considering the documentation and making recommendations on this basis, without prejudice to the submission of documentation by these States at a later stage or to the question of bilateral delimitations of the continental shelf between the three States.

According to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which both Iceland and Norway are Parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in particular Annex I thereto, the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

In accordance with the aforementioned, the Government of Iceland hereby notifies the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it does not object to the Commission considering the documentation submitted by Norway concerning the outer limits of its continental shelf in the southern part of the Banana Hole and making recommendations on this basis. Such recommendations are without prejudice to the submission of documentation by Iceland at a later stage or to the delimitation of the continental shelf between Iceland and Norway.

The Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Permanent Mission of Iceland to the UN
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