concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica
on 10 December 1982

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

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

On 19 April 2006, New Zealand made a submission through the Secretary-General to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for New Zealand on 18 August 1996.

The submission contains the information on the proposed outer limits of the continental shelf of New Zealand beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

According to the submitting State, this is a partial submission, “not including areas of continental shelf appurtenant to Antarctica.”

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, including States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, as well as all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the submission is available through the web site 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 New Zealand shall be included in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 21 August to 15 September 2006.

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