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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations, with reference to the submission made by the Government of the Republic of Yemen filed on the 18 January 2017 in respect of area to the southeast of Socotra Island and the submission by the Federal Republic of Somalia filed on 21 July 2014.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen would like to confirm that it wishes to advance the establishment of rightful maritime entitlements in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the sea, including those pursuant to article 76 of the Convention, and those relating to equitable maritime boundaries which exist, or remain to be determined, with its neighbours.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations takes note of the communication by the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, dated 25 August 2009, in which it refers to the submission by the Republic of Yemen to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and the "potential overlap between the areas of continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles" claimed by the two States, stating that it considers that these constitute "areas under dispute".

The Republic of Yemen took note of the submission by Somalia on the 21 July 2014, and communicated to the Secretary General by means of a letter on 10 December 2014, that as there was no agreement or understanding between the two states regarding the potential overlap of maritime territory beyond 200 nautical miles, it could not provide consent to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf to examine the submission of Somalia.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen would like to inform the Secretary General that, in the interests of advancing the establishments of maritime limits for itself and its neighbours in the Northwest Indian Ocean, it proposes to remove its objection to the Article 76 submission by the Federal Government of Somalia, with immediate effect, provided that a reciprocal obligation was made by Somalia that it no longer has an objection to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf examining the submission of The Republic of Yemen.

These actions by both States would be without prejudice to future delimitation of maritime boundaries in the region.

The Republic of Yemen requests that this present communication be brought to the attention of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and be duly circulated and made publically available, including on the website of the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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