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The Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat – Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea - and has the honour to refer to the submission by the Republic of Suriname to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (“the Commission”) of information relating to the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles (M) dated 5 December 2008.

The Permanent Mission has the further honour to inform the Secretariat that the Government of Barbados notes that there is potential overlap in respect of areas of its submission to the Commission relating to its continental shelf beyond 200 M and that of the Republic of Suriname.

The Government of Barbados further notes that article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“UNCLOS”) as well as Annex II of UNCLOS and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (including Annex I thereto) provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts. It is therefore the position of the Government of Barbados that the submission made by Suriname and any recommendations by the Commission are without prejudice to Barbados’ submission and the delimitation of boundaries between Barbados and Suriname.

The Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Secretariat – Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea - the assurances of its highest consideration.

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