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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the latter's communication dated May 14, 2009 (Continental Shelf Notification CLCS.49.2009.LOS) regarding receipt of the submission made by Trinidad and Tobago to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the Republic of Suriname.

Suriname has a continental shelf entitlement in the area referred to in the T&T Executive Summary as the Atlantic Ocean.

According to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago are Parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in particular Annex I thereto, the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice the matters relating to the delimitations of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

It is the position of the Government of the Republic of Suriname that the submission made by Trinidad and Tobago and any recommendations by the Commission are without prejudice to the submission made by Suriname with respect to the Continental Shelf in the Atlantic Ocean and the delimitation of the continental shelf between Suriname and its neighboring States.

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

Paramaribo, 09 July 2009

Secretary General of the United Nations New York