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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (“DOALOS”) and, referring to its communication CLCS.84.2019.LOS of May 23, 2019 concerning receipt of the partial submission made by Canada to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf regarding its continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean, has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the United States.

The United States has taken note of the overlap between areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles (M) from Canada and areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 M from the United States in the Arctic Ocean. The United States further takes note of Section 5c of the Executive Summary of the partial submission of Canada referring to regular consultations between Canada and the United States of America on this matter and stating that “Canada has been advised by the United States of America that it does not object to the consideration of Canada’s submission....”

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in particular 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.

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**DIPLOMATIC NOTE**

With reference to the Executive Summary of the partial submission of Canada, the Government of the United States confirms that it does not object to Canada's request that the Commission consider the documentation in its partial submission regarding its continental shelf in the Arctic Ocean and make its recommendation on the basis of this documentation, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment by the United States of the outer limits of its continental shelf, or to any final delimitation of the continental shelf concluded subsequently in these areas between the United States and Canada.

The United States Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

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