



Note No: 095/22

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with reference to his communication of 2 March 2022, CLCS.89.2022.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification), regarding receipt of the partial submission made by the Republic of Chile to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and to the contents of this submission, has the honour to convey the following:

The United Kingdom recalls the principles and objectives shared by the Antarctic Treaty and UNCLOS, and the importance of the Antarctic system and UNCLOS working in harmony and thereby ensuring the continuing peaceful cooperation, security and stability in the Antarctic area.

Recalling Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty, the United Kingdom does not recognise Chile's claim to territory in Antarctica and consequently does not recognise that Chile has any rights over the seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas appurtenant to Antarctica (as defined in the Antarctic Treaty, 1959).

The United Kingdom noted in its Note 168/08 of 9 May 2008 that, as regards Antarctica, it was open to the States concerned to submit information pertaining to Antarctica to the Commission, which would not be examined by it for the time being, or to make a partial submission not including such areas of continental shelf, for which a submission may be made later, notwithstanding the provisions regarding the ten-year period established by article 4 of Annex II to UNCLOS and the subsequent decision on its application taken by the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to UNCLOS. The United Kingdom took the latter course in relation to the British Antarctic Territory.

Taking account of the paragraphs above, and consistent with the approach taken by the United Kingdom and other Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, and noting the specific request made by Chile that its partial submission not be considered by the Commission at this time, the United Kingdom expects that the Commission will not, for the time being, take any action with respect to this submission.

The Government of the United Kingdom requests that this Note be circulated to the Members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and other Member States of the United Nations, and also requests that the Note be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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