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The Permanent Mission of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the submission made by the Republic of India on 11 May 2009, pursuant to Article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982), containing information on the Limits of the Continental Shelf it claims beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

Myanmar notes that, in her executive summary, India has made a reference to section 9 of its Territorial Waters, Continental Shelf, Exclusive Economic Zone and other Maritime Zones Act, 1976 and unilaterally constructed the median lines as a potential maritime boundary between India and Myanmar.

Myanmar sincerely believes that the aforementioned reference made unilaterally and based on the domestic law of India is not in conformity with the provisions of article 83 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Myanmar wishes to inform the Secretary-General that maritime boundary between Myanmar and India in the Andaman Sea, in the Co Co Channel and in the bay of Bengal that extends 200 nautical miles to the sea (point 1 to 16) was delimited by a bilateral agreement between the two countries signed in 1986, followed by the ratification thereof in 1987, Myanmar and India have agreed to discuss bilaterally to further extend the maritime boundary beyond point 16.

Myanmar therefore requests the commission that India's submission be considered without prejudice to the continental shelf areas which Myanmar is fully entitled to claim in accordance with the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



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