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## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica on 10 December 1982

Receipt of the partial Submission made by the Republic of Mauritius to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf concerning the Northern Chagos Archipelago Region

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 12 April 2022, the Republic of Mauritius submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured concerning the Northern Chagos Archipelago Region.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Mauritius on 4 December 1994. It is also noted that, on 6 May 2009, Mauritius had submitted preliminary information concerning the extended continental shelf in the Chagos Archipelago Region, pursuant to the Decision regarding the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the ability of States, particularly developing States, to fulfill the requirements of article 4 of annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a), adopted by the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (SPLOS/183). It is further noted that, on 24 May 2021, Mauritius had submitted amended preliminary information concerning the extended continental shelf in the Northern Chagos Archipelago Region.

According to the submitting State, this is a partial submission.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the present communication is being circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the Submission, including all illustrative maps and lists of geographic coordinates of points contained therein. The executive summary of the Submission is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: <a href="https://www.un.org/Depts/los">www.un.org/Depts/los</a>.

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The consideration of the partial Submission made by Mauritius in respect of the limits of the continental shelf concerning the Northern Chagos Archipelago Region will be included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission to be held in New York between January and March 2023.

Upon completion of the consideration of the Submission, the Commission will issue recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

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