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The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Malaysia intends to deposit a partial submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), as provided for under Article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982), in order to establish the limits of Malaysia's continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles in the South China Sea from the baseline from which its territorial sea is measured.

This is a partial submission for the remaining portion of the continental shelf of Malaysia beyond 200 nautical miles in the northern part of the South China Sea. Malaysia and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam had on 6 May 2009 made a joint submission for a portion of the two States' continental shelf, in the southern part of the South China Sea.

This partial submission is made without prejudice to the question of delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts in consonance with Article 76 (10) of UNCLOS 1982, Article 9 of Annex II of UNCLOS 1982, Rule 46 to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, and Paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of Annex I to the Commission's Rules of Procedure. This partial submission is also made without prejudice to the position of States which are parties to a land or maritime dispute in consonance with Paragraph 5 (b) of Annex I to the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

Therefore, the partial submission which Malaysia intends to make pursuant to Article 76 of UNCLOS 1982 shall not be interpreted in any manner whatsoever to prejudice or affect matters relating to the delimitation of maritime boundaries in the South China Sea between States with opposite or adjacent coasts and their position concerning land and maritime disputes.

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia has further the honour to request that this note be circulated to all members of the CLCS, all States Parties to the UNCLOS 1982 as well as all Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia 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.

New York, 12 December 2019

Secretary-General of the United Nations

