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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his communication number CLCS.38.2009.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) dated 11 May 2009, acknowledging receipt of the submission made on 7 May 2009 by the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), has the honour to submit the following comments by the Government of the Republic of Ghana.

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Ghana wishes to indicate that it has no objection to the submission made by Nigeria which shall be without prejudice to the final delimitation of the boundary between Ghana and Nigeria, and that the actions and recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf shall not prejudice matters relating the future final delimitation of the continental shelf between Ghana and Nigeria, opposite coastal states.

Furthermore, the present 'no objection' notification by Ghana to the submission of Nigeria is being communicated on the basis of the understanding reached at a meeting held in Accra from 24 to 26 February 2009, under the auspices of the ECOWAS Commission, of representatives of Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo - Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - at which the five ECOWAS Member States reached a common understanding that *'issues of the limit of adjacent/opposite boundaries shall continue to be discussed in a spirit of cooperation to arrive at*

a definite delimitation even after the presentation of the preliminary information/submission. Member States would, therefore, write 'no objection' Note to the submission of their neighbours.'

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana 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.

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