Preliminary Information pursuant to SPLOS/183 indicative of the Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf beyond 200M in the Charlotte Bank region submitted by the Republic of Fiji Islands and Solomon Islands

Explanatory Notes

- The Republic of the Fiji Islands and the Solomon Islands (hereinafter referred to as the two coastal States) recognise that, in respect of this area, there are overlapping claims to an extended continental shelf. The two coastal States submit this preliminary information on the understanding that it is without prejudice to the delimitation of the extended continental shelf in this area.

- In accordance with operative paragraph 1(a) of SPLOS/183 information indicative of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 M in the Charlotte Bank Region is depicted in this figure relating to the two coastal States note that in accordance with operative paragraph 1(b) of SPLOS/183, pending the receipt of the submission concerning the Charlotte Bank Region, the preliminary information submitted by the three coastal States shall not be considered by the Commission.

- The two coastal States note also that several maritime delimitations remain outstanding between them and with other opposite and adjacent coastal States. Pursuant to paragraph 10 of Article 76 of the Convention and Article 9 of Annex II to the Convention, this preliminary information is submitted without prejudice to these delimitations and to any other maritime delimitation involving the two coastal States.

- The two coastal States note also that in accordance with operative paragraph 1(c) of SPLOS/183, the preliminary information submitted is without prejudice to the future submission concerning the Charlotte Bank Region and its consideration by the Commission.