Preliminary Information pursuant to SPLOS/183 indicative of the Outer Limits of the Continental Shelf beyond 200M in the North Fiji Basin submitted by the Republic of Fiji Islands, Solomon Islands and Republic of Vanuatu

Explanatory Notes

- The Republic of the Fiji Islands, the Solomon Islands and the Republic of Vanuatu (‘hereinafter referred to as the three coastal States’) recognise that, in respect of this area, there are overlapping claims to an extended continental shelf. The three 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 North Fiji Basin is depicted in this figure relating to the three coastal States note that in accordance with operative paragraph 1(b) of SPLOS/183, pending the receipt of the submission concerning the North Fiji Basin, the preliminary information submitted by the three coastal States shall not be considered by the Commission.

- The three 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 three coastal States.

- The three 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 North Fiji Basin and its consideration by the Commission.
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20 February 2009