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

Denmark: Notification regarding the submission made by the Russian Federation
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

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

On 5 February 2002, the Secretary-General received from the Government of Denmark a note verbale dated 4 February 2002, referring to the submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, made by the Russian Federation on 20 December 2001, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention.

..... The text of the note verbale is attached for information.



**PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

File no. 119.N.8.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and referring to his communication of 20 December 2001, Ref: CLCS.01.2001.I.OS (Continental Shelf Notification) concerning receipt of the submission made by the Russian Federation to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to submit the following observations by the Danish Government.

Denmark is not able to form an opinion on the Russian submission. A qualified assessment would require more specific data. Such absence of opinion at this moment does not imply Denmark's agreement or acquiescence to the Russian Federation's submission.

In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Continental Shelf, in particular Annex I thereto, the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts. Consequently, the Russian Federation's submission and the Commission's recommendations are without prejudice to the delimitation of the continental shelf between Denmark/Greenland and the Russian Federation.

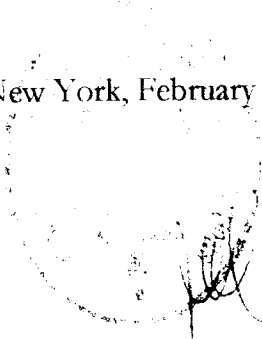
Denmark has not yet ratified the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Consequently, the ten-year time limit specified in Annex II, Article 4 of the Convention is not in force for Denmark. The Danish Government is preparing to collect and process the relevant data to be submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf. It is uncertain when such data will be available for a submission.

Denmark is, therefore, not at present in a position to evaluate the possible impact of an extended Russian continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles on the extended shelf appurtenant to Greenland, and therefore unable to state that the Russian claim would not be met by overlapping Danish/Greenlandic claims to continental shelf areas beyond 200 nautical miles in the Arctic.

The Danish Government has communicated its reservation to the Government of the Russian Federation.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, February 4, 2001



H.E. the Secretary-General
of the United Nations

New York
