The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, referring to his communication of 4 August 2015, Ref.: CLCS.1.Rev.2015.LOS (Continental Shelf Submission) concerning receipt of the partial revised submission made by the Russian Federation to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to submit the following comments.

The Kingdom of Denmark notes that the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which both the Kingdom of Denmark and the Russian Federation are parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in particular its Annex I, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to the delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

The Kingdom of Denmark wishes to draw the attention of the Secretary-General to the potential overlap of the continental shelf of the Kingdom of Denmark referred to in the partial submission of the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland (CLCS.76.2014.LOS (Continental Shelf Submission)) and that of the Russian Federation in the area referred to in the Russian submission.

In accordance with the agreement of 27 March 2014 between the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland, and the Russian Federation as referred to in part 7 of the executive summary of the Kingdom of Denmark’s partial submission, the Kingdom of Denmark does not object to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf considering or making recommendations on the Russian submission.

Such recommendations made by the Commission as regards the Russian submission are without prejudice to the rights of the Kingdom of Denmark during the consideration of the Kingdom of Denmark’s submission by the Commission.

The above recommendations made by the Commission with respect to the Russian submission as well as the Kingdom of Denmark’s submission are without prejudice to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the Kingdom of Denmark and the Russian Federation.

The Kingdom of Denmark requests the Commission to make recommendations taking account of the agreement of 27 March 2014.

H.E. The Secretary-General
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Denmark to the United Nations requests the Secretary-General to bring the content of this note to the attention of the Member States of the United Nations, the States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the members of the Commission.
The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Denmark 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, 7 October 2015