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Receipt of the partial revised submission made by the Russian Federation
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
in the Area of the Gakkel Ridge in the Arctic Ocean

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

On 30 October 2023, the Russian Federation submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, and with reference to its submission of 20 December 2001, as well as to its partial revised submission in respect of the Arctic Ocean of 3 August 2015, with addenda submitted on 31 March 2021, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured in the Area of the Gakkel Ridge in the Arctic Ocean.

It is noted that, on 27 June 2002, the Commission adopted the "Recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in regard to the Submission made by the Russian Federation on 20 December 2001." It is further noted that, on 6 February 2023, the Commission adopted the "Recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in Regard to the Partial Revised Submission Made by the Russian Federation in respect of the Arctic Ocean on 3 August 2015 with Addenda Submitted on 31 March 2021".

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission (CLCS/40/Rev.1), the present communication is being circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the partial revised submission made on 30 October including all charts and coordinates contained therein. The executive summary of the partial revised submission is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

In reference to the decision adopted by the Commission at its fifty-seventh session to proceed on the basis of two queues, one for original submissions and the other for revised submissions (CLCS/57/2 para. 72), it is noted that this submission is included in the queue for revised submissions.

The consideration of the partial revised submission made by the Russian Federation will be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-first session of the Commission prepared in accordance with rule 5 and paragraph 2 of annex III to the rules of procedure.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will issue recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.