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Letter dated 6 May 2021 from the Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf addressed to the President of the thirty-first Meeting of States Parties

Convening of the next session of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

I have the honour to provide an update to my letter dated 6 April 2021 addressed to you, as well as to the addendum dated 15 February 2021¹ to my letter dated 13 April 2020 addressed to the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties,² in which I informed States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that, in the light of the continuing situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf had concluded that it would not be possible to hold the fifty third session of the Commission until they were able to travel to the host country and conditions allowed for the holding of in-person meetings.

Given the ongoing challenges and related concerns regarding the pandemic, the members of the Commission have concluded, following consultations, that it will not be possible to hold a session at Headquarters from 6 July to 20 August 2021, as originally planned (see paragraph 110 of General Assembly resolution [75/239](#)).

It has also been agreed that the Commission will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation, with the support of the secretariat, with a view to assessing the feasibility of either meeting at Headquarters in August for a part of the planned session or advancing the work of the Commission and/or its subcommissions by other means.

(Signed) Adnan Rashid Nasser **Al-Azri**
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* SPLOS/31/L.1.

¹ SPLOS/30/10/Add.6.

² SPLOS/30/10.

