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Receipt of 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 20 December 2001, the Russian Federation made a submission through the Secretary-General to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. The submission contains the information on the proposed outer limits of the continental shelf of the Russian Federation beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for the Russian Federation on 11 April 1997.

In accordance with rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (CLCS/3/Rev.3 and Corr. 1), the present communication is circulated to all States-Members of the United Nations, including States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the proposed outer limits of the continental shelf pursuant to the submission. The list of geographical coordinates of points proposed for the outer limits of the continental shelf and illustrative maps included in the submission, showing the proposed limits, are attached to this communication.

The consideration of the submission made by the Russian Federation shall be included in the agenda of the 10th session of the Commission to be held in New York from 25 March to 12 April 2002. Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations in accordance with article 76 of the Convention. The limits of the continental shelf established by the Russian Federation on the basis of these recommendations shall be final and binding. The Secretary-General shall then give due publicity to the limits thus established.