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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and referring to its communication CLCS.1.Rev.2015.LOS of August 4, 2015 concerning receipt of the partial revised submission made by the Russian Federation to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (“partial revised submission”), has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the United States.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in particular Annex I thereto, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

The United States has taken note of the reference in the Executive Summary of the partial revised submission regarding the “Agreement between the USSR and the USA

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of June 1, 1990, [in which] the Parties delimited the territorial sea, economic zones, and continental shelf in the Chukchi and Bering seas, as well as in the Arctic and Pacific oceans.” The United States confirms that the Agreement’s provisions, including with respect to the boundary line, have been provisionally applied by agreement of both governments since June 15, 1990, pursuant to an exchange of notes dated June 1, 1990. Pursuant to that exchange of notes, the two governments continue to abide by the terms of the 1990 Agreement.

With reference to the Executive Summary of the partial revised submission, the Government of the United States confirms that it does not object to the request made by the Russian Federation that the Commission consider the data and other material in the partial revised submission and make its recommendation on the basis of this information, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf by the United States of America, or to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

The United States Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.