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Receipt of the partial submission made by the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

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

On 9 May 2008, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured relating to the continental shelf of Ascension Island¹.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, including Saint Helena and Dependencies, on 24 August 1997.

According to the submitting State, this is a partial submission. The note accompanying the submission contains a statement concerning other partial submissions to be made to the Commission by the United Kingdom. The full text of that note is available through 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 accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is 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 submission, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the partial submission is available through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

The consideration of the submission made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-second session of the Commission to be held in New York from 11 August to 12 September 2008.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

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¹ British Overseas Territory, Dependency of Saint Helena