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**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf:
information reported by the Chair of the Commission**

Letter dated 13 April 2020 from the Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf addressed to the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties

Addendum

Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

In my capacity as Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, I wish to inform States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, through you, that the members of the Commission have continued their consideration of the modalities of holding the fifty-third session of the Commission in the light of the continued situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Given the specific challenges¹ that the Commission would face if working by means other than in-person sessions at United Nations Headquarters and related concerns, the members of the Commission concluded that the Commission would not be in a position to hold its fifty-third session until its members were able to travel to the host country and conditions allowed for the conduct of in-person meetings, including in the geographic information system laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat.

(Signed) Adnan Rashid Nasser **Al-Azri**
Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

¹ Including those reflected in paragraph 104 of General Assembly resolution 75/239.

