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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the partial submission made by the Kingdom of Tonga to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ('**Commission**') pursuant to article 76(8) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ('**Convention**'), in relation to the eastern portion of the Kermadec Ridge, presented through Note CLCS.46.2009.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) dated 14 March 2009.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji has the further honour to advise that the area of extended continental shelf contained in the above partial submission overlaps in part with the area of extended continental shelf contained in the partial submission made by Fiji on 30th April 2012.

The Republic of Fiji notes the statement made by the Kingdom of Tonga in the Executive Summary of its Submission that, consistent with the provisions of Article 76, paragraph 10, of the Convention, the Tongan submission has been made without prejudice to any questions relating to the delimitation of a boundary between Fiji and Tonga.

On that basis, and as in accordance with Annex II, Article 9 of the Convention, the Republic of Fiji has no objection to the Commission considering and making recommendations with respect to the Kingdom of Tonga's submission in the eastern part of the Kermadec Ridge.

The Republic of Fiji requests that this note verbale be made available to Member States of the United Nations and the Commission, and further requests that it be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Fiji to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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