

**UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea and has the honor to refer to its communication CLCS.70.2013.LOS of December 9, 2013 concerning receipt of the partial submission made by Canada to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the United States.

The United States has taken note of the overlap between areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles (nm) from Canada and areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nm from United States territory in the Atlantic Ocean. The United States further takes note of the statement in Section 7 of the Executive Summary of the partial submission of Canada stating that “During the preparation of this submission, regular consultations between Canada and the United States of America revealed overlaps in their respective continental shelves . . .” and that “Canada has been advised by the United States that it does not object to the consideration of Canada’s submission . . .”

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

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.

With reference to the Executive Summary of the partial submission of Canada, particularly the aforementioned statement in its Section 7, the Government of the United States confirms that it does not object to Canada's request that the Commission consider the documentation in its partial submission regarding its continental shelf in the Atlantic Ocean and make its recommendation on the basis of this documentation, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer limits of its continental shelf by the United States, or to any final delimitation of the continental shelf concluded subsequently in these areas between Canada and the United States.

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

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