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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat – Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea - and has the honor to refer to the *note verbale* 7-1-SG/26 of 12 April 2010, of the Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations, regarding the *Preliminary information indicative of the outer limits of the Continental Shelf and description of the status of preparation and intended date of making a submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf*, presented by Chile on 8 May 2009.

With regard to the mention made to the maritime boundary between Chile and Peru in the preceding *note verbale*, it is appropriate to indicate that the Preliminary Information and the supporting records, as well as the illustrations of the surveyed areas, cannot disregard the existence of international treaties that established the maritime boundary between both countries, which are in force, as it was referred to by the Communication of 15 March 2002, published in the *Law of the Sea Information Circular*, LOSIC No 15, of March 2002. The treaties of 1952 and 1954, concordant with the proclamations of 1947 on the maritime zone of sovereignty and jurisdiction, together with bilateral acts and a long-standing practice, constitute antecedents of legally binding nature for both countries of the existence of the maritime boundary.

The works undertaken by Chile have been respectful of international law, as indicated by the Preliminary Information, so reservations regarding their significance with respect to the maritime boundary in force with Peru or the hypothetical rights of Peru in the areas under study, lack of legal foundation.

The Permanent Mission of Chile kindly requests the United Nations Secretariat that this *note verbale* be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Secretariat, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, the assurances of its highest considerations.

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