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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations

with reference to his communication number CLCS/43/2000/106 (Continental Shelf Notification) dated 12 May 2000, acknowledging receipt of the submission made on 6 May 2000 by the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), has the honour to submit the following comments by the Government of the Republic of Ghana.

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Ghana wishes to indicate that it has no objection to the submission by Cote d'Ivoire, but that such notification is without prejudice to the final delimitation of the boundary between Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. The limits of the continental shelf shall not prejudice matters relating to the final delimitation of the continental shelf between Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana, adjacent coastal states.

Furthermore, the present 'no objection' notification by Ghana to the submission of Cote d'Ivoire is being communicated on the basis of the understanding reached at a meeting held in Accra from 24 to 26 February 2009, under the auspices of the ECOWAS Community of West African States (ECOWAS) - at which the five ECOWAS Member States reached a common understanding that issues of the limit of

adjacent/opposite boundaries shall continue to be discussed in a spirit of cooperation to arrive at a definite delimitation on the basis of the preliminary information/submission. Member States would, therefore, write 'no objection' Note to the submission of their neighbours.'

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana 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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