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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and, with reference to the Note Verbale CML/2/2009 from the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary General of the United Nations dated 6 February 2009 and the Note Verbale MLIN/046/09 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary General of the United Nations dated 27 February 2009, has the honour to express its position, as follows.

The positions of China and the Republic of Korea expressed in the above-mentioned Notes are related to a matter of the interpretation of Article 121 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea by an individual State Party. As the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, however, contain no provision governing matters pertaining to the interpretation of such article of the Convention by the Commission, the Commission is not expected to consider such interpretation of the Convention by an individual State Party in relation with submissions of other countries. Therefore, Japan requests the Commission not to take into consideration the positions of China and the Republic of Korea expressed in the above-mentioned Notes.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations requests the Commission to restrict distribution of the present Note Verbale to the Members of the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf the assurances of its highest consideration.

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