



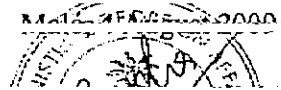
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the submission made by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 6th May 2000 to the Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 9 of the Convention.

The Ministry wishes to inform that and in accordance with the provisions of the Article 76, paragraph 8 of the Convention, the Maldives is in the process of making its submission of the outer limits of its national shelf. Therefore, the Government of Maldives hereby reserves the right to comment on the submission made by Sri Lanka at a later stage.

The Ministry would further appreciate if the Maldives position is notified to all Member States of the UNCLOS.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest considerations.



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