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The Permanent Mission confirms that France has no objection to the establishment by New Zealand of the outer limits of its continental shelf in that maritime area, in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of 22 August 2008, insofar as the deposit of those coordinates is without prejudice to any subsequent delimitation of the respective continental shelves of France (in respect of New Caledonia) and New Zealand, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 10, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations expresses its thanks in advance to the United Nations Secretariat, Office of Legal Affairs, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, for acknowledging receipt of the present note verbale and for having it circulated to the members of the Commission. The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 31 January 2019

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