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I. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CONVENTION, THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART XI OF THE CONVENTION AND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

the Little Belt and the Danish part of the Sound), which has developed on the basis of the Copenhagen Treaty of 1857. The present legal regime of the Danish straits will therefore remain unchanged.

“The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark declares pursuant to article 287 of the Convention that it chooses the International Court of Justice for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention.

“The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark declares pursuant to article 298 of the Convention that it does not accept an arbitral tribunal constituted in accordance with Annex VII for any of the categories of disputes mentioned in article 298.

“The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark declares, in accordance with article 310 of the Convention, its objection to any declaration or position excluding or amending the legal scope of the provisions of the Convention. Passivity with respect to such declarations or positions shall be interpreted neither as acceptance nor rejection of such declarations or positions.

“The Kingdom of Denmark recalls that, as a member of the European Community, it has transferred competence in respect of certain matters governed by the Convention. In accordance with the provisions of Annex IX of the Convention, a detailed declaration on the nature and extent of the competence transferred to the European Community was made by the European Community upon deposit of its instrument of formal confirmation. This transfer of competence does not extend to the Faroe Islands and Greenland.”

### C. Settlement of disputes mechanism

#### 1. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Convention:

##### Choice of procedure under article 287 and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention under article 298 of the Convention

9. The official texts of declarations and statements, which contain the choice of procedure under article 287 of the Convention and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, under article 298 of the Convention, are available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp#Declarations>

10. The declarations and statements are also available at the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_declarations.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm)

11. In addition, a quick-reference recapitulative table on the choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention, is available at the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/choice\\_procedure.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/choice_procedure.htm)

12. From November 2004 to April 2005: **Denmark** made a declaration related to the choice of procedure (see paragraph 8 above).



2. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the Convention relating to the Conservation and Management

and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the arbitrators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of an arbitrator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such arbitrator shall continue to serve on any arbitral tribunal to which that arbitrator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that arbitral tribunal.

21. The official information regarding the list of arbitrators is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp>

22. A list of arbitrators is also posted on the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/conciliators\\_arbitrators.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/conciliators_arbitrators.htm)

23. From November 2004 to April 2005: On 22 February 2005, **Mongolia** nominated Professor Rüdiger Wolfrum and Professor Jean-Pierre Cot, as arbitrators.

4. List of experts for the purposes of article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration) to the Convention

24. Article 2 of Annex VIII reads as follows:

*Article 2  
Lists of experts*

1. A list of experts shall be established and maintained in respect of each of the fields of (1) fisheries, (2) protection and preservation of the marine environment, (3) marine scientific research, and (4) navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping.
2. The lists of experts shall be drawn up and maintained, in the field of fisheries by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment by the United Nations Environment Programme, in the field of marine scientific research by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, in the field of navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping, by the International Maritime Organization, or in each case by the appropriate subsidiary body concerned to which such organization, programme or commission has delegated this function.
3. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate two experts in each field whose competence in the legal, scientific or technical aspects of such field is established and generally recognized and who enjoy the highest reputation for fairness and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated in each field shall constitute the appropriate list.
4. If at any time the experts nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than two, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary.
5. The name of an expert shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such expert shall continue to serve on any special arbitral tribunal to which that expert has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that special arbitral tribunal.

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29. In this connection, it should be noted that the deposit of charts or of lists of geographical coordinates of points with the Secretary-General of

36. During the period between November 2004 and April 2005, the Division transmitted the following notes verbales to the States Parties indicated, recalling their deposit and due publicity obligations and offering its assistance with a view to ensuring compliance:

- (a) Notes verbales MZ/SP/56 and MZ/SP/57, addressed to **Denmark** and **Latvia**, respectively, requesting the submission of charts or lists of geographical coordinates of baselines and various maritime limits pursuant to articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 84(2) and 76(9);
- (b) Notes verbales TS/IP/SP/56 and TS/IP/SP/57, addressed to **Denmark** and **Latvia**, respectively, requesting the submission of laws and regulations relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea pursuant to article 21(3).

**B. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations**

37. From November 2004 to April 2005, the following States Parties have deposited with the Secretary-General charts or lists of geographical coordinates relating to baselines or maritime zones: **Vietnam and Norway**. In order to give due publicity to charts and lists of geographical coordinates deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, "Maritime Zone Notifications" Nos. 52 and 53 were circulated to States Parties as follows:

- (a) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N.52. 2004. LOS of 1 December 2004) regarding the deposit by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam of the list of geographical coordinates of points pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention;
- (b) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N.53. 2005. LOS of 12 April 2005) regarding the deposit by Norway of the list of geographical coordinates of points pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the Convention.

38. The lists of deposited geographical coordinates as well as deposited charts may be consulted at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat.

39. The Law of the Sea Information Circular reproduces the texts of Maritime Zone Notifications (Annex I to this publication). Recapitulative information on submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations is available at the web site of the Division at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/depositpublicity.htm>

**C. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their due publicity obligations**

40. From November 2004 to April 2005, no State Party submitted copies of laws and regulations relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea or to transit passage through straits, to which States Parties should give due publicity, as required, respectively, by articles 21 and 42 of the Convention. Recapitulative information regarding submissions by States Parties in compliance with their publicity obligations is available at the web site of the Division at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/depositpublicity.htm>

D. Information relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage by Mexico

41. Between November 2004 and April 2005, the Permanent Representative of **Mexico** to the United Nations has requested the Secretary-General, by letters dated 27 December 2004, 10 January 2005, 16 February 2005, and 10 March 2005, to publish the information relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico, in accordance with article 25, paragraph 3 of the Convention. This article stipulates that a coastal State may, without discrimination in form or in fact among foreign ships, suspend temporarily, in specified areas of its territorial sea the innocent passage of foreign ships if such suspension is essential for the protection of its security, including weapons exercises. Such suspension takes effect, according to the same article, only after having been duly published.

42. The texts of notifications relating to a temporary suspension of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico are posted on the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/\(es\)TJ0e\(ch\)-5hs/\(esTJ-0.0004De\)6\(ptCt8b2l3ust0\(e\)12\(b\)-\)7\(e\)sg\(r\)-6er 2004\(a\)s/\(n\)3\(t](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/(es)TJ0e(ch)-5hs/(esTJ-0.0004De)6(ptCt8b2l3ust0(e)12(b)-)7(e)sg(r)-6er 2004(a)s/(n)3(t)

47. The consideration of the submission made by **Australia** was on the agenda of the fifteenth session of the Commission held in New York from 4 to 22 April 2005.

48. "Continental Shelf Notifications" are circulated to all States Members of the United Nations, as well as to non-Member States which are Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission made by a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. From November 2004 to April 2005, the Division has circulated one continental shelf notification, as follows:

Continental Shelf Notification (CLCS. 03. 2004. LOS of 15 November 2004) regarding the receipt of the submission made by the **Australia** to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

49. (The text of the above-mentioned continental shelf notifi

## ANNEX I

## MARITIME ZONE NOTIFICATIONS

## VIET NAM

**M.Z.N. 52. 2004. LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) 1 December 2004**

Deposit by the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam of the list of geographical coordinates of 21 points pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 30 November 2004, the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the following list of geographical coordinates:

**List of geographical coordinates of points, using the geodetic system ITRF-96, which are specified in the Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the People's Republic of China on the Delimitation of the Territorial Sea, the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf in the Gulf of Tonkin, which was signed by the two countries on 25 December 2000, and took officially effect on 30 June 2004.**

The list of geographical coordinates of points was reproduced, together with an illustrative map, in Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 56. This illustrative map will also be reproduced in the next issue of the Law



VIET NAM-CHINA

**NORWAY**

**M.Z.N. 53. 2005. LOS (Maritime Zone  
Notification) 12 April 2005**

Deposit by Norway of the list of geographical  
coordinates of points pursuant to article 16,  
paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 31 March 2005, Norway deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the following list of geographical coordinates:

**List of geographical coordinates of points defining the outer limit of the territorial sea around Bouvet Island accompanied by the list of geographical coordinates of points defining the normal baseline around Bouvet Island as specified in the Regulations of 25 February 2005 relating to the baseline determining the extent of the territorial sea around Bouvet Island.**

**The coordinates in the lists are referenced to**



## ANNEX II

## CONTINENTAL SHELF NOTIFICATION

**AUSTRALIA****CLCS. 03. 2004. LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) 15 November 2004**Receipt of the submission made by Australia to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

On 15 November 2004, Australia made a submission through the Secretary-General to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Australia on 16 November 1994.

**The submission contains the information on the proposed outer limits of the continental shelf of Australia beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.**

**In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is circulated to all States-Members of the United Nations, including States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, as well as all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the submission is available through the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).**

The consideration of the submission made by Australia shall be included in the provisional agenda of the fifteenth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 4 to 22 April 2005.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations to Australia pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

**AUSTRALIE****CLCS. 03. 2004. LOS (Notification plateau continental) 15 novembre 2004**Réception de la demande présentée par l'Australie à la Commission des limites du plateau continental

Le 15 novembre 2004, l'Australie a soumis, par l'intermédiaire du Secrétaire général, une demande à la Commission des limites du plateau continental, en conformité avec le paragraphe 8 de l'article 76 de la Convention. Il est noté que la Convention est entrée en vigueur pour l'Australie le 16 novembre 1994.

**La demande comprend des informations sur les limites extérieures proposées du plateau continental de l'Australie au-delà de 200 milles marins des lignes de base à partir desquelles est mesurée la largeur de la mer territoriale.**

**En conformité avec le Règlement intérieur de la Commission, la présente communication est transmise à tous les membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, notamment les États Parties à la Convention, afin de rendre public le résumé de la demande, ainsi que les cartes et les listes des coordonnées géographiques qui y sont incluses. Le résumé est disponible sur le site Internet de la Division des affaires maritimes et du droit de la mer, Bureau des affaires juridiques, à l'adresse : [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).**

L'examen de la demande soumise par l'Australie sera inscrit à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la quinzième réunion de la Commission qui se tiendra du 4 au 22 avril 2005 à New York.

Une fois l'examen de la demande complété, la Commission formulera des recommandations en conformité avec l'article 76 de la Convention.





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Nueva York, 9 de febrero de 2005

Señor Secretario General,

Tengo el honor de hacer referencia al Artículo 25(3) de la Convención de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Derecho del Mar, firmada en Montego Bay el 10 de diciembre de 1982 y de informar a usted que el Gobierno de México suspenderá temporalmente el paso inocente de buques extranjeros en el mar territorial del 18 al 20 de julio de 2005. La



