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*Translated from French*

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France notes that there are some areas adjoining Antarctica for which the limits of the continental shelf have yet to be established. Concerned States have the option either to provide the Commission with information on these areas, which the Commission would not consider as yet; or to make a partial submission which does not include these areas of the continental shelf and for which a submission might later be made, notwithstanding the provisions of Annex II, article 4, of the Convention concerning the 10-year period and the decisions regarding its application that were taken at the Eleventh Meeting of States parties thereto.

Therefore, in accordance with the Commission's regulations, France hereby makes a partial submission which does not include the areas of the continental shelf that adjoin Antarctica and for which a submission may later be made, notwithstanding the provisions of Annex II, article 4, of the Convention concerning the 10-year period and the decisions regarding its application that were taken at the Eleventh meeting of States parties thereto.

The Permanent Mission hereby requests that this note should be posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, next to the section where the executive summary of the submission is posted in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of France takes this opportunity to convey to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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(Signed) [Illegible]

New York, [illegible] February 2009

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