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The Permanent Mission ofNoway to the United Nations presents it compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to note dated 3 March 2007 to the Secretary-General from the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations informing that Spain on 2 March 2007 sent a note to Noway expressing Spain's position regarding the maritime zones situated around the Svalbard archipelago.

Since reference is made in the note to the Treaty concerning Spitsbergen done at Paris on 9 February 1920, the Mission would for the sake of good order refer to the fact that the archipelago of Svalbard is a part of the Kingdom of Norway. The opinions expressed in the said note concern the scope of application and the interpretation of certain provisions of the Treaty of 1920, where there are differences of views. These issues do not affect in any manner the interpretation or application of the rules contained in article 76 ofthe Convention nor its Annex 11, and have no bearing on the work of the Commission.

The Mission requests the Secretary-General to kindly publish this note on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat.

The Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurance of its highest

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