



Madam/Mister President,

Introduction

We have the honour to inform the Meeting of States Parties about the progress of work of the Open-ended Working Group on the Conditions of Service of the Members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf since the thirty-second Meeting of States Parties held in June 2022.

We would first like to congratulate you on your election, and the Members of the Bureau on theirs. We are convinced that under your able leadership the thirty-third Meeting of



considered by the Meeting of States Parties. The draft resolution is intended to reflect: (1) the contribution of each developed Nominating State, (2) the contribution of other Nominating States in a position to do so, and (3) the contributions of any other States that have made or have indicated they would make contributions for the coming year. It would also reflect the anticipated costs for the nine members of the Commission from developing States on behalf of whom assistance from the Voluntary Trust Fund has been requested.

Under this mechanism, Nominating States that are not developed States and whose Member of the CLCS does not benefit from the Voluntary Trust Fund, would indicate annually whether they will be in a position to contribute to the Voluntary Trust Fund.

The draft Resolution of the Meeting of States Parties reflecting all pending and completed contributions to the Voluntary Trust Fund would hopefully incentivize other States Parties to contribute to the Voluntary Trust Fund. At the same time, this mechanism can help to ensure