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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to Government of India's Notification No. G.S.R. 216 (E) dated 02 April 2025 specifying list of geographical coordinates of base points defining Baseline System of India to measure its maritime boundaries, posted on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea (UN Circular No. M.Z.N. 168.2025.LOS of 24 April 2025), has the honour to state the following:

a. India's Base Points 1 and 2 of "Part A" of Indian Notification (coordinates mentioned below), impinge upon Pakistan's territorial limits in Sir Creek area and encroach upon its territorial waters, which are within Pakistan's sovereign jurisdiction. This encroachment by India in Pakistan's limit is a clear violation of international principles, established practices and UNCLOS-1982 Article 7(6) which states that system of straight baseline may not be applied by a State in such a manner as to cut off the territorial sea of another state from the high seas or EEZ. The Government of Pakistan, therefore, reserves its rights and those of its nationals in this regard.

S.No.	Name of Baseline Point	Latitude	Longitude
(1)	Sir Mouth N.	23° 40' 22.60"N	68° 04' 31.10"E
(2)	Sir Mouth S.	23° 36' 28.96"N	68° 07' 01.66"E

b. The Government of Pakistan reiterates its earlier objection of 2011 (communicated vide its Note Verbale No. Sixth/LS/7/2011 dated 6 December 2011) and state that the baseline points notified by India (Notification No. G.S.R. 216 (E) dated 2 April 2025) are inconsistent with international law, including the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

In view of the above, the Government of Pakistan does not recognize the Baseline System promulgated by India. Any claim India makes on the basis of above cited Indian Notification to extend its sovereignty/jurisdiction on Pakistani water or extend its Internal Water, Territorial Sea, Exclusive Economic Zone and

Continental Shelf is therefore, not acceptable to Pakistan being in contravention to the provisions of UNCLOS 1982. The Government of Pakistan reserves its right to seek suitable revision of this notification.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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