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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

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The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and has the honour to state the following in reference to the Circular Note No. M.Z.N.77.2010.LOS (Maritime Zone Notification) dated 25th March 2010 from the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), concerning the deposit by Saudi Arabia of lists of geographical coordinates of points, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Islamic Republic of Iran noticed with regret the use of a fake name for the *Persian Gulf*; inventing or using any name other than the *Persian Gulf* which is the only and true geographical designation, as historically established and universally recognized, for the sea area between Iran and the Arabian Peninsula would only create confusion and misunderstanding, and is therefore is rejected and void of any legal significance.

The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations requests that the present Note Verbale be registered and circulated in connection with the above mentioned Circular Note in accordance with relevant DOALOS practice.

The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

New York, 22 December 2010

Secretary-General
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