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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Legal Affairs Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, and in reference to the Circular reference M.Z.N. 106.2014.LOS (Maritime one Notification) dated 3 July 2014 and Yemen's note verbale Ref. ROY/047/SANAA/7.14 dated 25 July 2014, has the honour to state that the Government of the Republic of Yemen maintains its objection to the list of geographical coordinates of points which, inter alia, define the limits of the Exclusive Economic Zone deposited by the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Yemen draw attention to the fact that the Federal Republic of Somalia's Executive Economic Zone defined in the list of geographical coordinates of points deposited by the Federal Republic of Somalia extends into areas where Yemen possesses sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction, fully encircling Yemen's islands of Socotra, Samhad and Add Al Kuri, together with the other islands belonging to Yemen in their vicinity. In view of the fact that the Federal Republic of Somalia's Exclusive Economic Zone attempts to deprive Yemen's islands of their maritime entitlements in violation of international law, the Government of the Republic of Yemen reiterates its protest.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Legal Affairs Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with reference to the communication dated 21 July 2014 (Continental Shelf Notification CLCS.74.2014.LOS) regarding the submission made by the Federal Republic of Somalia to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured, would like to state the following:

In the Executive Summary of the Continental Shelf Submission of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Somalia recognizes that "it is evident that there is an overlap between Somali and Yemeni claims as regards the areas of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles" and that "the delimitation of the continental shelf between the Federal Republic of Somalia and the Republic of Yemen has not yet been resolved."

While Somalia states in its Submission that it "is ready to enter into consultations with the Republic of Yemen with a view to reaching an agreement or understanding which would allow the Commission to consider and make recommendations on submissions by each of the two coastal States", no such agreement or understanding has as yet been concluded.

Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 46 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and paragraph 5(a) of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the Republic of Yemen does not consent to the consideration of Somalia's submission.

The Republic of Yemen requests that the present communication be brought to the attention of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and be duly circulated and issued.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Yemen to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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