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## FOREWORD

This is the twenty-seventh issue of the Law of the Sea Information Circular (LOSIC), a periodic publication of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs. Its objective is to communicate to all States and entities information on actions taken by States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (“the Convention”) in implementing that Convention, in particular regarding the deposit obligation, as well as to report on activities undertaken by DOALOS in this respect.

The purpose of LOSIC is also to assist States Parties to the Convention in discharging their obligations to give due publicity to information in accordance with the Convention: Coastal States are obliged, *inter alia*, to give due publicity with regard to (i) charts and lists of geographical coordinates (articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 76(9) and 84(2)); (ii) laws and regulations relating to innocent passage (article 21(3)); and (iii) laws and regulations relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation adopted by States bordering straits (article 42(3)).

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I. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OF 1982, THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART XI OF THE CONVENTION AND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

A. Status of the Convention and of the Agreements as at 30 April 2008

1. From November 2007 to April 2008, there were no additional ratifications of or accessions to the Convention. Thus, as at 30 April 2008, there were 155 Parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
2. From November 2007 to April 2008, no additional States expressed their consent to be bound by the Agreement on Part XI. Thus, as at 30 April 2008, there were 131 parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
3. From November 2007 to April 2008, on 1 February 2008, the **Republic of Korea** ratified, and, on 26 March 2008, **the Republic of Palau**, acceded to the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. Thus, as at 30 April 2008, there were 69 Parties to this Agreement, including the European Community.
4. Official information regarding the status of the Convention and its Agreements (ratification, accession, etc.) is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:  
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/chapterXXI.asp>.
5. For ease of reference, a consolidated table recapitulating the status of the Convention and the related Agreements prepared by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (thereafter, "the Division"), Office of Legal Affairs, is also available at the web site of the Division at:  
[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference\\_files/status2008.pdf](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/status2008.pdf).

B. Declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement

6. Official information regarding the declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:  
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp#Declarations>  
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty7.asp#Declarations>  
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty9.asp#Declarations>.
7. For ease of reference, the declarations and statements are also published on the web site of the Division at:  
[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_declarations.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm)  
[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/fish\\_stocks\\_agreement\\_declarations.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fish_stocks_agreement_declarations.htm).
8. From November 2007 to April 2008, no States made declarations or statements.

C. Settlement of disputes mechanism

1. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Convention:  
Choice of procedure under article 287 and optional exceptions  
to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention under article 298 of the Convention

9. From November 2007 to April 2008, no States made a declaration on the choice of procedure under article 287. There were no declarations related to optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention under article 298 of the Convention.

10. The official texts of declarations and statements, which contain the choice of procedure under article 287 of the Convention and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, under article 298 of the Convention, are available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp#Declarations>.

11. For ease of reference, the declarations and statements are also available at the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_declarations.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm).

12. In addition, a quick-reference recapitulative table on the choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention, is available at the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/choice\\_procedure.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/choice_procedure.htm).

2. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Agreement for the Implementation  
of the Provisions of the Convention relating to the Conservation and Management  
of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:  
Choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV of the Convention  
under article 30 of the Agreement

13. The official texts of declarations, which contain choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV of the Convention under article 30 of the Agreement, are available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty9.asp#Declarations>.

14. The declarations are also available at the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/fish\\_stocks\\_agreement\\_declarations.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fish_stocks_agreement_declarations.htm).

15. A recapitulative table on the choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV of the Convention under article 30 of the Agreement is available at the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/choice\\_procedure.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/choice_procedure.htm).

16. From November 2007 to April 2008, no States made declarations or statements.



3. Lists of conciliators and arbitrators  
nominated under article 2 of Annex V and article 2 of Annex VII to the Convention

(a) List of conciliators

17. From November 2007 to April 2008, one State – **Austria** - nominated conciliators. It is recalled that, under article 2 Annex V to the Convention, a list of conciliators shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate four conciliators, each of whom shall be a person enjoying the highest reputation for fairness, competence and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the conciliators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of a conciliator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such conciliator shall continue to serve on any conciliation commission to which that conciliator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that commission.

18. The official information regarding the list of conciliators is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp>.

19. For ease of reference, a list of conciliators is also posted on the web site of the Division:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/conciliators\\_arbitrators.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/conciliators_arbitrators.htm).

(b) List of arbitrators

20. From November 2007 to April 2008, one State – **Austria** - nominated arbitrators. It is recalled that, under article 2, Annex VII to the Convention, a list of arbitrators shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate four arbitrators, each of whom shall be a person experienced in maritime affairs and enjoying the highest reputation for fairness, competence and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the arbitrators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of an arbitrator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such arbitrator shall continue to serve on any arbitral tribunal to which that arbitrator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that arbitral tribunal.

21. The official information regarding the list of arbitrators is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp>.

22. A list of arbitrators is also posted on the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/conciliators\\_arbitrators.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/conciliators_arbitrators.htm).

4. List of experts for the purposes of article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration) to the Convention

23. Article 2 of Annex VIII reads as follows:

*“Article 2  
Lists of experts*

- “1. A list of experts shall be established and maintained in respect of each of the fields of (1) fisheries, (2) protection and preservation of the marine environment, (3) marine scientific research, and (4) navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping.
- “2. The lists of experts shall be drawn up and maintained, in the field of fisheries by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment by the United Nations Environment Programme, in the field of marine scientific research by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, in the field of navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping, by the International Maritime Organization, or in each case by the appropriate subsidiary body concerned to which such organization, programme or commission has delegated this function.
- “3. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate two experts in each field whose competence in the legal, scientific or technical aspects of such field is established and generally recognized and who enjoy the highest reputation for fairness and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated in each field shall constitute the appropriate list.
- “4. If at any time the experts nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than two, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary.
- “5. The name of an expert shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such expert shall continue to serve on any special arbitral tribunal to which that expert has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that special arbitral tribunal.”

24. The following lists are available at the web site of the Division:

- (a) List of experts in the field of fisheries maintained by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (communicated on 27 September 2001)
- (b) List of experts in the field of protection and preservation of the marine environment maintained by the United Nations Environment Programme (communicated on 8 November 2002)
- (c) **List of experts in the field of marine scientific research maintained by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (communicated on 22 January 2008)**
- (d) List of experts in the field of navigation, including pollution from vessels and by dumping, maintained by the International Maritime Organization (communicated on 19 May 2005)

25. These lists are available at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement\\_of\\_disputes/experts\\_special\\_arb.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/experts_special_arb.htm).

## II. OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT AND DUE PUBLICITY

26. Coastal States, under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention, are required to deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations charts showing straight baselines and archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf; alternatively, the lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the geodetic datum, may be substituted. Coastal States are also required to give due publicity to all these charts and lists of geographical coordinates. Furthermore, under article 76, paragraph 9, coastal States are required to deposit with the Secretary-General charts and relevant information permanently describing the outer limits of the continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles. In this case, due publicity is to be given by the Secretary-General. Together with the submission of their charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates, States parties are required to provide appropriate information regarding original geodetic datum.

27. In this connection, it should be noted that the deposit of charts or of lists of geographical coordinates of points with the Secretary-General of the United Nations is an international act by a State party to the Convention in order to conform with the deposit obligations referred to above, after the entry into force of the Convention. This act is addressed to the Secretary-General in the form of a note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the United Nations or other person considered as representing the State party. The mere existence or adoption of legislation or the conclusion of a maritime boundary delimitation treaty registered with the Secretariat, even if they contain charts or lists of coordinates, cannot be interpreted as an act of deposit with the Secretary-General under the Convention.

28. In resolution 62/215 of 22 December 2007, the General Assembly once again encouraged States parties to the Convention to deposit with the Secretary-General such charts and lists of geographical coordinates. So far, only 39 States have fully or partially complied with their deposit obligations. Recapitulative information on submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations is available at the web site of the Division at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/depositpublicity.htm>.

29. States parties are encouraged to provide all the necessary information for conversion of the submitted geographic coordinates from the original datum into the World Geodetic System 84 (WGS 84), a geodetic datum system that is used by the Division for its internal data storage.

30. The Division has also sought to assist States in fulfilling their other obligations of due publicity established by the Convention. These obligations relate to all laws and regulations adopted by the coastal State relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea (article 21 (3)) and all laws and regulations adopted by States bordering straits relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation (article 42 (3)).

31. The Division informs States of the deposit of charts and geographical coordinates through a “maritime zone notification”. The notifications are also reproduced in the *Law of the Sea Information Circular*, together with other relevant information concerning the discharge by States of the due publicity obligation. The past issues of the *Law of the Sea Information Circular* that have already been issued give ample evidence of the practice of States in this respect. The texts of the relevant legislation together with illustrative maps are then published in the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*.

32. In addition, States continue to discharge their obligations of due publicity regarding sea lanes and traffic separation schemes under articles 22, 41 and 53 of the Convention, inter alia, through IMO, which provides for the adoption of ships’ routing systems under SOLAS regulation V/8 and the adoption or amendment of traffic

separation schemes (TSS) in rules 1 (d) and 10 of Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG). Guidelines and criteria developed by IMO for the adoption of routing measures are contained in the IMO General Provisions on Ship's Routing (IMO Assembly resolution A.572 (14), as amended). These measures include traffic separation schemes (TSS), two-way routes, recommended tracks, areas to be avoided, inshore traffic zones, roundabouts, precautionary areas and deep-water routes. Information on recent new and amended traffic separation schemes and other routing measures are published by the IMO Secretariat in Safety of Navigation Circulars and COLREG (Collision Regulations) Circulars and are available on the IMO web site at <http://www.imo.org/home.asp>, under selection "Circulars", sub-items "COLREG (Collision Regulations)" and "SN (Safety of Navigation)".

33. Furthermore, concerning due publicity, article 25, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 stipulates that a coastal State may, without discrimination in form or in fact among foreign ships, suspend temporarily, in specified areas of its territorial sea the innocent passage of foreign ships if such suspension is essential for the protection of its security, including weapons exercises. Such suspension takes effect, according to the same article, only after having been duly published.

A. Communications addressed to States Parties  
for the purpose of assisting them to comply  
with their deposit and due publicity obligations under the Convention

34. Upon a coastal State becoming a State Party to the Convention, the Division informs the State concerned of the deposit and due publicity obligations pursuant to the Convention with which that State must comply.

35. During the period between November 2007 and April 2008, there were no ratifications or accessions to the Convention by coastal States. Consequently, no communications recalling the deposit and due publicity obligations and offering assistance to States Parties with a view to ensuring compliance were required.

B. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations

36. From November 2007 to April 2008, **Fiji and Japan** deposited with the Secretary-General nautical charts and lists of geographical coordinates of points specifying the baselines and the outer limits of their maritime zones. In order to give due publicity to these nautical charts and the lists of geographical coordinates deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, "Maritime Zone Notifications" Nos. 60 and 61 were circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention:

- a. Maritime Zone Notification M.Z.N.60.2007.LOS of 17 December 2007 concerning the deposit by **Fiji**, pursuant to articles 16(2); 47(9); 75(2), of the Convention, of (1) List of geographical coordinates of points between which straight baselines are to be drawn for the purpose of determining the innermost limits of the territorial seas of Rotuma and its dependencies; (2) List of geographical coordinates of points between which straight baselines are to be drawn for the purpose of determining the outermost limits of the archipelago waters of Fiji and the innermost limits of the territorial sea of the Fiji archipelago; and (3) List of geographical coordinates of points between which, when joined in a numerical sequence, a line is drawn up to which extend the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Fiji;

- b. Maritime Zone Notification M.Z.N.61.2008.LOS of 14 March 2008 concerning the deposit by **Japan** pursuant to article 16(2) of the Convention, of charts concerning straight baselines and outer limits of the territorial sea and of a list of geographical coordinates of points as contained in the Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.

37. All lists of deposited geographical coordinates may be consulted at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat.

38. The *Law of the Sea Information Circular* reproduces the texts of Maritime Zone Notifications (Annex I to this publication). Recapitulative information on submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations is available at the web site of the Division at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/depositpublicity.htm>.

C. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their due publicity obligations

39. From November 2007 to April 2008, no State transmitted to the Secretariat a copy of laws and regulations to which States Parties should give due publicity, as required by article 21 of the Convention.

40. Recapitulative information regarding submissions by States Parties in compliance with their publicity obligations as required by articles 21 and 42 of the Convention is available at the web site of the Division at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/dupublicity.htm>.

D. Information relating to temporary suspensions of the innocent passage by Mexico

41. From November 2007 to April 2008, the Permanent Representative of **Mexico** to the United Nations has requested the Secretary-General, by a letter dated 25 January 2008, to publish information relating to temporary suspensions of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico, in accordance with article 25, paragraph 3, of the Convention.

42. The texts of notifications relating to temporary suspensions of the innocent passage in specified areas of the territorial sea of Mexico are posted on the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/innocent\\_passages\\_suspension.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/innocent_passages_suspension.htm)

### III. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS REGARDING OUTER LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINES

#### A. Outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines

##### Submission made by Mexico to the Commission

43. On 13 December 2007, **Mexico** submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in respect of the western polygon in the Gulf of Mexico.

44. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Mexico on 16 November 1994.

45. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, a communication was circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary.

46. The consideration of the submission made by Mexico was included in the agenda of the twenty-first session of the Commission, held in New York from 17 March to 18 April 2008. Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

##### Continental Shelf Notifications

47. "Continental Shelf Notifications" are circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission made by a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. From November 2007 to April 2008, the Division has circulated one continental shelf notification, as follows:

Continental Shelf Notification (CLCS.09.2007.LOS of 17 December 2007) regarding the receipt of the submission made by **Mexico** to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

48. The text of the above-mentioned continental shelf notification is reproduced in the Annex II to this publication.

B. Communications from States in relation to Continental Shelf Notifications from the Secretary-General informing about submissions to the Commission

49. From November 2007 to April 2008, one communication dated 8 April 2008 was received from **Tonga** with reference to the submission by **New Zealand** of 19 April 2006 (CLCS. 05. 2006. LOS and CLCS.05.2006.Corr.1.LOS). This communication was provided to the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf at its twenty-first session, 17 March – 18 April 2008, and is being circulated to Member States of the United Nations as well as States Parties to the Convention (CLCS.05.2006.LOS/TON of 30 April 2008). The texts of all communications are posted on the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs\\_new/clcs\\_home.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs_new/clcs_home.htm).

**ANNEX I**  
**MARITIME ZONE NOTIFICATIONS**

**Fiji**

**M.Z.N. 60. 2007. LOS**

**(Maritime Zone Notification) 17 December 2007**

Deposit by the Republic of the Fiji Islands of lists of geographical coordinates of points, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, and article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 7 December 2007, the Republic of the Fiji Islands deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, and article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention, lists of geographical coordinates of points, as follows:

(1) List of geographical coordinates of points between which straight baselines are to be drawn for the purpose of determining the innermost limits of the territorial seas of Rotuma and its dependencies, as contained in the Marine Spaces (Territorial Seas) (Rotuma and Its Dependencies) Order (based on the World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72) datum, plus 3 seconds of latitude and plus 2 seconds of longitude in each case);

(2) List of geographical coordinates of points between which straight baselines are to be drawn for the purpose of determining the outermost limits of the archipelago waters of Fiji and the innermost limits of the territorial sea of the Fiji archipelago, as contained in the first schedule (paragraph 2) annexed to the Marine Spaces (Archipelagic Baselines and Exclusive Economic Zone) Order (based on the World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72) datum, minus 7 seconds of latitude and 14 seconds of longitude in each case); and

(3) List of geographical coordinates of points between which, when joined in a numerical sequence, a line is drawn up to which extend the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Fiji, as reflected in the second schedule (paragraph 3) contained in the Marine Spaces (Archipelagic Baselines and Exclusive Economic Zone) Order (based on the

**Fidji**

**M.Z.N. 60. 2007. LOS**

**(Notification Zone Maritime)**

**Le 17 décembre 2007**

Dépôt par la République des Îles Fidji de listes de coordonnées géographiques de points, conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16, au paragraphe 9 de l'article 47, et au paragraphe 2 de l'article 75, de la Convention

Le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies communique ce qui suit:

Le 7 décembre 2007, la République des Îles Fidji a déposé auprès du Secrétaire général, conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16, au paragraphe 9 de l'article 47, et au paragraphe 2 de l'article 75, de la Convention, des listes de coordonnées géographiques de points, comme suit:

(1) Liste de coordonnées géographiques des points qui définissent le tracé des lignes de base droites servant à déterminer les limites intérieures des mers territoriales de Rotuma et de ses dépendances; tel que prévu par le Décret sur les Espaces marins (mers territoriales) (Rotuma et ses dépendances) (d'après le système géodésique de 1972—World Geodetic System--(WGS 72) plus 3 secondes de latitude et plus 2 secondes de longitude dans chaque cas);

(2) Liste de coordonnées géographiques des points qui définissent le tracé des lignes de base droites servant à déterminer les limites extérieures des eaux archipélagiques des Fidji et les limites intérieures de la mer territoriale de l'archipel des Fidji, tel que prévu par le premier tableau (paragraphe 2) annexé au Décret des Espaces marins (lignes de base archipélagiques et zone économique exclusive) (d'après le Système Géodésique de 1972—World Geodetic System--(WGS 72) moins 7 secondes de latitude et 14 secondes de longitude dans chaque cas); et

(3) Liste de coordonnées géographiques des points qui, reliés selon une séquence numérique, tracent une ligne qui détermine les limites extérieures de la zone économique exclusive des Fidji, conformément au



World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72) datum).

The lists of geographical coordinates, as deposited by Fiji, are available on the web site of the United Nations at [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los) and may also be consulted at the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0450, telephone: (212) 963-3962 or fax: (212) 963-5847).

second tableau (paragraphe 3) contenu dans le Décret sur les Espaces marins (lignes de base archipélagiques et zone économique exclusive) (d'après le Système Géodésique de 1972—World Geodetic System (WGS 72)).

Les listes de coordonnées géographiques des points, déposées par les Fidji, sont disponibles sur le site internet des Nations Unies à l'adresse suivante: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los) et peuvent également être consultées au Secrétariat des Nations Unies (Division des affaires maritimes et du droit de la mer du Bureau des affaires juridiques, DC2-0450, téléphone (212) 963- 3962 ou télécopie : (212) 963-5847).

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Deposit by Japan of charts and lists of geographical coordinates of points, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the Convention

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 14 March 2008, Japan deposited with the Secretary-General, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, of the Convention, charts and a list of geographical coordinates of points concerning straight baselines and outer limits of the territorial sea, as follows:

(1) Charts:

- Chart No. W3 - Hokkaido and Approaches - Scale 1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 7 September 2006;
- Chart No. W10 - Tsugaru Kaikyo - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 1 November 2007;
- Chart No. W11 - Skakotan Misaki to Matsumae Ko - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 17 July 2003;
- Chart No. W28 - Mashike Ko to Iwanai Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 26 June 2003;
- Chart No. W42 - Kunasiri To and Approaches - Scale 1:300000 (Lat 35°) - 20 April 2006;
- Chart No. W45 - Etorofu To - Scale 1:300000 (Lat 35°) - 11 May 2006;
- Chart No. W48 - Nanpo Shoto - Scale 1:2500000 (Lat 35°) - 17 January 2008;
- Chart No. W51 - Izu Shoto - Scale 1:150000 (Lat 35°) - 19 May 2005;
- Chart No. W53 - Miyako Ko to Shiriya Saki - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 30 October 2003;
- Chart No. W54 - Ishinomaki Wan to Miyako Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 16 December 2004;
- Chart No. W70 - Omae Saki to Ise Wan - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;
- Chart No. W77 - Kii Suido and Approaches - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;
- Chart No. W80 - Nojima Saki to Omae Saki - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;

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Dépôt par le Japon des cartes marines et d'une liste de coordonnées géographiques de points, conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16 de la Convention

Le Secrétaire général des Nations Unies communique ce qui suit:

Le 14 mars 2008, le Japon a déposé auprès du Secrétaire général, conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16 de la Convention, des cartes marines et une liste de coordonnées géographiques de points concernant les lignes de base droites et la limite extérieure de la mer territoriale, comme suit:

(1) Cartes marines:

- Carte marine № W3 - « Hokkaido and Approaches » - Echelle 1/1200000 (Lat 35°) - 7 septembre 2006;
- Carte marine № W10 - « Tsugaru Kaikyo » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 1 novembre 2007;
- Carte marine № W11 - « Skakotan Misaki to Matsumae Ko » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 17 juillet 2003;
- Carte marine № W28 - « Mashike Ko to Iwanai Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 26 juin 2003;
- Carte marine № W42 - « Kunasiri To and Approaches » - Echelle 1/300000 (Lat 35°) - 20 avril 2006;
- Carte marine № W45 - « Etorofu To » - Echelle 1/300000 (Lat 35°) - 11 mai 2006;
- Carte marine № W48 - « Nanpo Shoto » - Echelle 1/2500000 (Lat 35°) - 17 janvier 2008;
- Carte marine № W51 - « Izu Shoto » - Echelle 1/150000 (Lat 35°) - 19 mai 2005;
- Carte marine № W53 - « Miyako Ko to Shiriya Saki » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 30 octobre 2003;
- Carte marine № W54 - « Ishinomaki Wan to Miyako Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 16 décembre 2004;
- Carte marine № W70 - « Omae Saki to Ise Wan » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 août 2007;

- Chart No. W87 - Tokyo Wan to Inubo Saki - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 15 July 2004;
  - Chart No. W93 - Daio Saki to Shio-No-Misaki - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;
  - Chart No. W108 - Muroto Saki to Ashizuri Misaki - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;
  - Chart No. W120 - Noto Hanto and Approaches - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;
  - Chart No. W139 - Tottori Ko to Fukui Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;
  - Chart No. W145 - Niigata Ko to Oga Hanto - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 31 July 2003;
  - Chart No. W146 - Suzu Misaki to Nyudo Saki - Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 8 June 2006;
  - Chart No. W149 - Tsuno Shima to Taisha Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;
  - Chart No. W159 - Hi-No-Misaki to Suzu Misaki - Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 1 February 2007;
  - Chart No. W162 - Western Part of Japan Sea - Scale 1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 28 February 2002;
  - Chart No. W179 - Kanmon Kaikyo to Hirado Seto - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 September 2007;
  - Chart No. W182A - Kagoshima Wan to Amami-O Shima - Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 12 September 2002;
  - Chart No. W182B - Amami-O Shima to Okinawa Shima - Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 6 October 2005;
  - Chart No. W187 - Northwestern Part of Kyushu - Scale 1:300000 (Lat 35°) - 6 September 2007;
  - Chart No. W196 - Kanmon Kaikyo to Busan Hang - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 25 July 2002;
  - Chart No. W210 - Nagasaki to Xiamen - Scale 1:1500000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;
  - Chart No. W213 - Hirado Shima to Koshikijima Retto - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 September 2007;
  - Chart No. W225 - Approaches to Amami-O Shima - Scale 1:125000 (Lat 35°) - 21 February 2002;
- Carte marine № W77 - « Kii Suido and Approaches » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 août 2007;
  - Carte marine № W80 - « Nojima Saki to Omae Saki » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 août 2007;
  - Carte marine № W87 - « Tokyo Wan to Inubo Saki » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 15 Juillet 2004;
  - Carte marine № W93 - « Daio Saki to Shio-No-Misaki » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 août 2007;
  - Carte marine № W108 - « Muroto Saki to Ashizuri Misaki » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 août 2007;
  - Carte marine № W120 - « Noto Hanto and Approaches » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 décembre 2007;
  - Carte marine № W139 - « Tottori Ko to Fukui Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 décembre 2007;
  - Carte marine № W145 - « Niigata Ko to Oga Hanto » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 31 Juillet 2003;
  - Carte marine № W146 - « Suzu Misaki to Nyudo Saki » - Echelle 1/500000 (Lat 35°) - 8 juin 2006;
  - Carte marine № W149 - « Tsuno Shima to Taisha Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 décembre 2007;
  - Carte marine № W159 - « Hi-No-Misaki to Suzu Misaki » - Echelle 1/500000 (Lat 35°) - 1 février 2007;
  - Carte marine № W162 - « Western Part of Japan Sea » - Echelle 1/1200000 (Lat 35°) - 28 février 2002;
  - Carte marine № W179 - « Kanmon Kaikyo to Hirado Seto » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 septembre 2007;
  - Carte marine № W182A - « Kagoshima Wan to Amami-O Shima » - Echelle 1/500000 (Lat 35°) - 12 septembre 2002;
  - Carte marine № W182B - « Amami-O Shima to Okinawa Shima » - Echelle 1/500000 (Lat 35°) - 6 octobre 2005;
  - Carte marine № W187 - « Northwestern Part of Kyushu » - Echelle 1/300000 (Lat 35°) - 6 septembre 2007;

- Chart No. W226 - Okinawa Gunto - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) – 21 February 2002;

- Chart No. W1009 - Nippon and the Adjacent Seas - Scale 1:3500000 (Lat 35°) - 7 March 2002;

- Chart No. W1030 - Eastern Entrance to Tsugaru Kaikyo and Erimo Misaki - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 26 February 2004;

- Chart No. W1032 - Erimo Misaki to Ochiishi Misaki - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 30 January 2003;

- Chart No. W1040 - Soya Kaikyo - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) – 16 June 2005;

- Chart No. W1045 - Rishiri To to Mashike Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 April 2006;

- Chart No. W1070 - Tokyo Wan to Kunashiri Suido - Scale 1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 November 2006;

- Chart No. W1072 - Tokyo Wan to Kagoshima Wan - Scale 1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 21 February 2002;

- Chart No. W1098 - Shioya Saki to Ishinomaki Wan - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 17 June 2004;

- Chart No. W1154 - Eastern Part of Japan Sea - Scale 1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 7 March 2002;

- Chart No. W1169 - Fukui Ko to Wajima Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;

- Chart No. W1172 - Taisha Ko to Tottori Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;

- Chart No. W1180 - Sado Kaikyo and Approaches - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 11 May 2006;

- Chart No. W1195 - Oga Hanto to Hakodate Ko - Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 31 July 2003;

- Chart No. W1200 - Tsushima Kaikyo and Approaches – Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 18 December 2003;

- Chart No. W1220 - Ashizuri Misaki to Miyazaki Ko - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 September 2007;

- Chart No. W1221 - Eastern Part of Osumi Kaikyo and Approaches - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 16 August 2001; and

- Chart No. W1222 - Western Part of Osumi Kaikyo and Approaches - Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 September 2007.

- Carte marine N° W196 - « Kanmon Kaikyo to Busan Hang » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 25 juillet 2002;

- Carte marine N° W210 - « Nagasaki to Xiamen » - Echelle 1/1500000 (Lat 35°) – 6 décembre 2007;

- Carte marine N° W213 - « Hirado Shima to Koshikijima Retto » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 septembre 2007;

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- Carte marine N° W226 - « Okinawa Gunto » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) – 21 février 2002;

- Carte marine N° W1009 - « Nippon and the Adjacent Seas » - Echelle 1/3500000 (Lat 35°) - 7 mars 2002;

- Carte marine N° W1030 - « Eastern Entrance to Tsugaru Kaikyo and Erimo Misaki » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 26 février 2004;

- Carte marine N° W1032 - « Erimo Misaki to Ochiishi Misaki » - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 30 janvier 2003;

- Carte marine N° W1040 - « Soya Kaikyo » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) – 16 juin 2005;

- Carte marine N° W1045 - « Rishiri To to Mashike Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 avril 2006;

- Carte marine N° W1070 - « Tokyo Wan to Kunashiri Suido » - Echelle 1/1200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 novembre 2006;

- Carte marine N° W1072 - « Tokyo Wan to Kagoshima Wan » - Echelle 1/1200000 (Lat 35°) - 21 février 2002;

- Carte marine N° W1098 - « Shioya Saki to Ishinomaki Wan » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 17 juin 2004;

- Carte marine N° W1154 - « Eastern Part of Japan Sea » - Echelle 1/1200000 (Lat 35°) - 7 mars 2002;

- Carte marine N° W1169 - « Fukui Ko to Wajima Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 décembre 2007;

(2) List of geographical coordinates of points as contained in the Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone (Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977, as amended by Cabinet Order No. 383 of 1993, Cabinet Order No. 206 of 1996 and Cabinet Order No.434 of 2001);

The charts and the list of geographical coordinates of points lists are referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84).

The Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone will be published in the Law of the Sea Bulletin no. 66 and on the web site of the Division [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los). The charts may be consulted at the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0450, telephone: (212) 963-3962 or fax: (212) 963-5847)

- Carte marine № W1172 - « Taisha Ko to Tottori Ko» - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 décembre 2007;

- Carte marine № W1180 - « Sado Kaikyo and Approaches » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 11 mai 2006;

- Carte marine № W1195 - « Oga Hanto to Hakodate Ko» - Echelle 1/250000 (Lat 35°) - 31 juillet 2003;

- Carte marine № W1200 - « Tsushima Kaikyo and Approaches » - Echelle 1/500000 (Lat 35°) - 18 décembre 2003;

- Carte marine № W1220 - « Ashizuri Misaki to Miyazaki Ko » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 septembre 2007;

- Carte marine № W1221 - « Eastern Part of Osumi Kaikyo and Approaches » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 16 août 2001; and

- Carte marine № W1222 - « Western Part of Osumi Kaikyo and Approaches » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 septembre 2007.

(2) Liste de coordonnées géographiques des points telle qu'établie par le Décret relatif à la mise en œuvre de la Loi sur la mer territoriale et la zone contiguë (Décret № 210 de 1977, modifié par le Décret № 383 de 1993, le Décret № 206 de 1996 et le Décret №434 de 2001).

Les cartes marines et la liste de coordonnées géographiques se réfèrent au système géodésique WGS84.

Le Décret relatif à la mise en œuvre de la Loi sur la mer territoriale et la zone contiguë sera publié dans le Bulletin du droit de la mer no. 66 et sur le site internet des Nations Unies à l'adresse suivante: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los). Les cartes marines peuvent être consultées au Secrétariat des Nations Unies (Division des affaires maritimes et du droit de la mer du Bureau des affaires juridiques, DC2-0450, téléphone (212) 963- 3962 ou télécopie : (212) 963-5847).

**ANNEX II**  
**CONTINENTAL SHELF NOTIFICATIONS**

**MEXICO****CLCS. 09. 2007. LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) 17 December 2007**Receipt of the submission made by Mexico to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

On 13 December 2007, Mexico submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in respect of the western polygon in the Gulf of Mexico.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Mexico on 16 November 1994.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the submission is available through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).

The consideration of the partial submission of Mexico shall be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Commission scheduled to be held in New York from 17 March to 18 April 2008.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

**MEXIQUE****CLCS. 09. 2007. LOS (Notification plateau continental) 17 décembre 2007**Réception de la demande présentée par le Mexique à la Commission des limites du plateau continental

Le 13 décembre 2007, le Mexique a soumis une demande à la Commission des limites du plateau continental conformément au paragraphe 8 de l'article 76 de la Convention. La demande comprend des informations sur les limites extérieures du plateau continental s'étendant au-delà de 200 milles marins des lignes de base à partir desquelles est mesurée la largeur de la mer territoriale concernant le polygone ouest dans le Golfe du Mexique.

Il est noté que la Convention est entrée en vigueur pour le Mexique le 16 novembre 1994.

Conformément au Règlement intérieur de la Commission, la présente communication est transmise à tous les États Membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, également aux États Parties à la Convention, afin de rendre public le résumé de la demande, ainsi que les cartes et les listes des coordonnées géographiques qui y sont incluses. Le résumé est disponible sur le site Internet de la Division des affaires maritimes et du droit de la mer, Bureau des affaires juridiques, à l'adresse: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).

L'examen de la demande soumise par le Mexique sera inscrit à l'ordre du jour provisoire de la vingt-unième session de la Commission prévue du 17 mars au 18 avril 2008 à New York.

Une fois l'examen de la demande complété, la Commission formulera des recommandations en conformité avec l'article 76 de la Convention.