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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of the Democratic Republic of the Congo presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has taken note of the summary of the communication from the Republic of Angola entitled “Continental Shelf Submission of Angola, Executive Summary”, concerning the extension of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, which was submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 6 December 2013.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo notes that the Republic of Angola, whose coasts are adjacent to those of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, both to the north and to the south, made this submission unilaterally, ignoring the rights of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as a coastal State party since 17 February 1989 to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, adopted on 10 December 1982, to exercise control over its territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone and continental margin in their entirety. This request fails to comply with article 7, paragraph 6, and article 77, paragraphs 1 and 2, of the above-mentioned Convention.

Accordingly, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo remains firm in its position outlined in note verbales No. 132.61/RDCONU/A1/353/10 of 14 June 2010 and No. 130AE/131.2/-373-/2013 of 30 August 2013. It also requests that the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in compliance with paragraph 5 of Annex I of its rules of procedure, prohibit consideration of the submission made by the Republic of Angola before the two States have settled their border dispute.

United Nations Secretariat, New York

The Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present communication to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and have it issued as a document in accordance with the internal procedures of the United Nations. It requests that he do likewise with the enclosed statement concerning its choice of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea as the means for the settlement of disputes concerning the interpretation and application of the Montego Bay Convention.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of the Democratic Republic of the Congo thanks the Secretary-General for his prompt attention to this matter and takes this opportunity to convey to him the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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