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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (“DOALOS”) and, referring to the Commission’s communication CLCS.71.2014.LOS of April 17, 2014 concerning the submission by the Commonwealth of The Bahamas to the Commission, has the honor to submit the following statement by the Government of the United States.

The United States notes that on November 12, 2014, the United States Mission to the United Nations communicated a diplomatic note to DOALOS stating the following: “At this time, the United States is unable to consent to the consideration by the Commission of the Submission of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.” That communication also stated the intention of the United States to “keep this matter under active consideration in connection with ongoing efforts to delimit the maritime boundary between the United States and The Bahamas.”

In light of resumed consultations between the governments of the United States and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on matters relating to maritime boundary delimitation, including with respect to the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, the United States confirms that it does not object to the request made by the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas that the Commission consider the information on the limits of the continental shelf submitted to the Commission and make its recommendations on the basis of this information, to the extent that such consideration and recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer

limits of the continental shelf by the United States of America and to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the United States of America and the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

The United States Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea the assurances of its highest consideration.

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