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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Article 4 of its Annex II, has the honour to hereby submit to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter “the Commission”), 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 Continental Shelf of the Chilean Antarctic Territory, including supporting scientific and technical data.

In 2004 the seven States that assert rights of or claims to territorial sovereignty in Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, Chile, France, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom, agreed that, while it is open to them to submit information to the Commission with regard to the outer limits of the continental shelf appurtenant to Antarctica, they will request the Commission not to take action for the time being with regard to the information contained in the respective submissions.

Chile recalls the principles and objectives shared by the Antarctic Treaty and the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea, and the importance of the Antarctic system and the Convention working in harmony and thereby ensuring the continuing peaceful cooperation, security and stability in the Antarctic area.

Chile notes also the relevant provisions of the Convention, including its Article 77, which provides *inter alia* that the rights of the coastal State over the continental shelf do not depend on any express proclamation, and recalls the decisions of Meetings of the States Parties to the Convention and the rules of the Commission.

Chile has regard to the circumstances of the area south of 60 degrees South latitude and the special legal and political status of Antarctica under the provisions of the Antarctic Treaty, including its Article IV, and notes that appurtenant to Antarctica there exist areas of continental shelf the extent of which has yet to be defined. It is open to the States concerned to submit information to the Commission which would not be examined by it for the time being, or to make a partial submission not including such areas of continental shelf, for which a submission may be made later, notwithstanding the provisions regarding the ten-year period established by Article 4 of Annex II to the Convention and the subsequent decision on its application taken by the Eleventh Meeting of States Parties to the Convention.

Consistent with the first option, Chile requests the Commission in accordance with its rules not to take any action for the time being with regard to the information in this submission that relates to the Western Continental Shelf appurtenant to the Chilean Antarctic Territory.

Chile reserves its rights with regard to the Eastern Continental Shelf of the Chilean Antarctic Territory, which will be determined in a future partial submission.

REPUBLICA DE CHILE
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
MISION PERMANENTE ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations requests that this Note be placed on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, together with the Executive Summary of the Submission relating to the Western Continental Shelf of the Chilean Antarctic Territory, in fulfilment of the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 28 February 2022



Secretary-General of the United Nations
Nueva York

cc: DOALOS

CERTIFICATE

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations, in fulfilment of the requirements of the art. 1.2 of annex III to the rules of procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, hereby certifies that the electronic copy made in a secure unalterable format is identical to the hard copy version of the submission relating to the Western Continental Shelf of the Chilean Antarctic Territory (Ref: Note Verbal of the Permanent Mission of Chile No. 17/2022 of 28 February 2022)

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