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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica  
on 10 December 1982**

**Receipt of the joint submission made by the Republic of Costa Rica  
and the Republic of Ecuador to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf  
concerning the Panama Basin**

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

On 16 December 2020, the Republic of Costa Rica and the Republic of Ecuador jointly 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 the Panama Basin.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Costa Rica on 16 November 1994 and Ecuador on 24 October 2012. It is also noted that, on 11 May 2009, Costa Rica submitted preliminary information regarding its continental shelf pursuant to the *Decision regarding the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the ability of States, particularly developing States, to fulfill the requirements of article 4 of annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a)*, adopted by the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (SPLOS/183).

According to the submitting States, this is a joint partial submission “and concerns only the region of the Panama Basin located beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured”.

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission, the present communication is being 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 joint submission, including all illustrative maps and coordinates contained therein. The executive summary of the submission is available on 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 joint submission will be included in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission scheduled to be held in New York from 6 July to 20 August 2021.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will issue recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

  
