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## **Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations**

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The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs) and, with regard to note verbale No. NV/ATL/No./114/2015 of 10 March 2015 from the Kingdom of Morocco, has the honour to inform it of the following:

The Government of Spain emphasizes that the partial submission made to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 17 December 2014 does not constitute a unilateral delimitation of its maritime areas and is in compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and with the Rules of Procedure and the Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission.

The Government of Spain fully respects international law and in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Government of Spain would like to note that the baselines used to measure the breadth of the continental shelf in the partial submission on the limits of the continental shelf of Spain west of the Canary Islands are set out in Royal Decree No. 2510/1977 of 5 August, as is stated in section 7.9 of the submission. Law No. 44/2010 does not define baselines and was not used in any way in the preparation of the submission on the limits of the continental shelf west of the Canary Islands.

The Government of Spain is open to delimiting all of its maritime areas with States with opposite or adjacent coasts, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. To that end, Spain reiterates its willingness to delimit its maritime areas with Morocco, Portugal or any other coastal State, including, where appropriate, the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles that may result from the recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf based on the partial submissions made by the Kingdom of Spain.

The Permanent Mission of Spain takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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