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The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his communication CLCS.77.2014.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) of 17 December 2014, regarding the receipt of the submission made by the Kingdom of Spain to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to submit the following observations of the Portuguese Government.

In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which both Portugal and Spain are Parties, including its Annex II and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS/40/Rev.1), in particular Annex I thereto, the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to the delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

As referred in Article 76, paragraph 10, of the said Convention, the provisions applicable to the delineation of the outer limits of the continental shelf are without prejudice to the question of delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

In accordance with the aforementioned, the Portuguese Government does not object to the Commission considering the submission made by the Kingdom of Spain concerning the outer limits of the continental shelf to the West of the Canary Islands and making recommendations on that basis, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf pursuant to the submission made by Portugal on 11 May 2009, or to the delimitation of the continental shelf between Portugal and Spain.

The Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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