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The New Zealand Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the partial submission of the Republic of the Fiji Islands to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to Article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, presented on 20 April 2009.

New Zealand notes that the area of extended continental shelf over the Lau Ridge-northern South Fiji Basin contained in the submission made by Fiji overlaps in part with the area of extended continental shelf contained in the Northern Region of the submission made by New Zealand to the Commission on 19 April 2006. As consistently reaffirmed by New Zealand, this area remains subject to the delimitation of a continental shelf boundary between New Zealand and Fiji, and New Zealand's submission to the Commission was expressly made on the basis that it was without prejudice to that delimitation. As noted in paragraph 4.3 of the Executive Summary of the Fiji submission, Fiji expressed no objection to the New Zealand submission being considered by the Commission on that basis.

Consistent with the provisions of Article 76, paragraph 10, of the Convention, New Zealand similarly understands that the submission made by Fiji and any recommendations by the Commission with respect to it are necessarily without prejudice to the delimitation of the continental shelf between New Zealand and Fiji. New Zealand accordingly confirms that it has no objection to the Commission considering and making recommendations with respect to Fiji's submission on that basis.

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

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