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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretary-General and with reference to his communication no. CLCS 08/2007/LOS of 29 May 2007 regarding receipt of the submission made by the French Republic to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of the Republic of Suriname.

Suriname and the French Republic are neighboring States with continental shelf entitlements in the area referred to in the French Executive Summary as the Atlantic Ocean between the Demerara Plateau and the Amazon deep sea fan. Negotiations between Suriname and the French Republic are still ongoing in relation to the delimitation of their continental shelf in this area.

It is the position of Government of the Republic of Suriname that the submission made by the French Republic and any recommendations by the Commission are without prejudice to any future submission to be made by Suriname with respect to the continental shelf in the Atlantic Ocean and the delimitation of the continental shelf between Suriname and the French Republic.

According to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which Suriname and the French Republic are Parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in particular Annex I thereto, the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice the matters relating to the delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

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

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