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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and with the reference to the circular CLCS.12.2008.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) of 25th June 2008, concerning the Indonesian submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ("the Commission"), have the honor to state that there is the possibility of potential overlapping of claims over the continental shelf between India and Indonesia.

In accordance with Article 83 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, the delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts is to be effected by agreement.

Accordingly, Indonesia's submission for an extended continental shelf is without prejudice to the question of delimitation of the continental shelf between India and Indonesia (Article 76.10 of the Convention), which is to be settled by mutual agreement.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations avails of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Secretary General
of the United Nations,
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