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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 has the honour to refer to the Note Verbale No. Sixth/LS/7/2020 made by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations on 6 July 2020 objecting to the Partial Submission related to Western Offshore region (Arabian Sea) presented by the Republic of India to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India would like to inform that India in its first partial submission to CLCS had clearly mentioned that there are outstanding maritime delimitations with Pakistan. It was also mentioned that the submission is being made without prejudice to matters relating to delimitation of boundaries with India's neighbouring states.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India would also like to bring to notice that Pakistan's claim submission was already examined by the CLCS and recommendations made despite outstanding maritime delimitation issues remaining even at that time. Moreover, the timing of Pakistan's objection after 11 years of Indian Submission, when the Subcommission is already in the process of examining the Indian Submission, seems inappropriate.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India would like to underline that the potential maritime boundary is based on median line equidistance principle and Pakistan has also followed the same.

**H.E. Mr. Antonio S. Guterres,
Secretary General of the United Nations,
New York**

(Attn: Division for Ocean Affairs
and Law of the Sea)

**CC: Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares,
Under-Secretary General,
Legal Affairs/Legal Counsel,**

The Government of the Republic of India reiterates its commitment to make every effort to resolve its outstanding maritime delimitations, and therefore until such time, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of India requests to the CLCS that the process of considering the Indian Submission be continued. It is also requested for this Note Verbale be circulated to all members of the Commission and all State Parties to the UNCLOS.

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 assurance of its highest consideration.



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