



PERMANENT MISSION OF NORWAY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his communication of 30 April 2009, Ref.: CLCS.27.2009.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification), regarding receipt of a submission made by Iceland to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to convey the following:

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, to which both the Kingdom of Norway and Iceland are Parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, in particular Annex I thereto, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice matters relating to delimitation of boundaries between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

In accordance with the Agreed Minutes signed 20 September 2006 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark together with the Prime Minister of the Government of the Faroes, and the Foreign Minister of Iceland, the Government of Norway confirms that it does not object to the Commission considering the documentation submitted by Iceland in respect of the southern part of the maritime area known as the Banana Hole and making its recommendations on this basis. Such recommendations are without prejudice to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the Kingdom of Norway and Iceland.

The Permanent Mission of Norway 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.

New York, 7 July 2009

The Secretary-General
of the United Nations
New York

