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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the submission made by the Republic of Kenya on 6 May 2009, pursuant to Article 76, paragraph 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982), to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (“Commission”) containing information on the limits of the continental shelf it claims beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

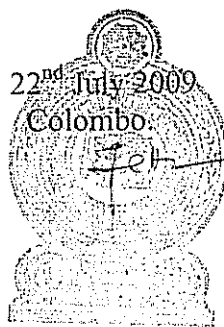
Sri Lanka notes that the Executive Summary of the Republic of Kenya (KEN-ES-DOC) relies, *inter alia*, on the Statement of Understanding concerning a Specific Method to be used in establishing the Outer Edge of the Continental Margin (“Statement of Understanding”), incorporated in Annex II of the Final Act of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

Sri Lanka wishes to reiterate and confirm its position as set out in Note Verbale No. L/UN/20(xii) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Secretary General of the United Nations dated 02nd March 2009 with respect to the submission made by the Union of Myanmar on 16th December 2008. Accordingly, Sri Lanka reiterates that the principal State referred to in paragraph 3 of the Statement of Understanding is Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka also wishes to confirm its position that the application of the Statement of Understanding and the Commission’s mandate to make recommendations under the said Statement, as per paragraph 1(a) of Article 3 of Annex II of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, is limited to the States in the Southern part of the Bay of Bengal, as reflected in paragraph 5 of the Statement of Understanding.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka avails itself 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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