



# PERMANENT MISSION OF BANGLADESH TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as the depositary for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the "Convention"), and has the honor to refer to his communication of 08 May 2009, ref. CLCS.43.2009, LOS (Continental Shelf Notification), concerning the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

Based on an initial review of the Executive Summary of Sri Lanka's submission, and in particular the map appearing on page 12 thereof, it appears that Sri Lanka has founded its claim on the Statement of Understanding in Annex II of the Final Act of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, which provides an alternative to the two formulae specified in Articles 76(4) (a) (i) and (ii) of the Convention for establishing the outer limit of the continental margin. It also appears that Sri Lanka has claimed an outer continental shelf entitlement in an area that is 350 nautical miles more from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured and more than 100 nautical miles from the 2,500 metre isobath, and thus beyond the constraint lines established by Article 76(5) of the Convention.

In this respect, the Government of Bangladesh wishes to inform that in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of Article 76, Bangladesh is in the process of making her own submission for an outer continental shelf in the Bay of Bengal and would, therefore, like to reserve its right to comment on the submission of Sri Lanka at a later stage as and when more information in this matter is available.

The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh 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.

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