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Receipt of the joint submission made by the Republic of Mauritius  
and the Republic of Seychelles  
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 1 December 2008, the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf of the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial seas of the two States is measured in the region of the Mascarene Plateau.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for the Republic of Mauritius on 4 December 1994 and for the Republic of Seychelles on 16 November 1994.

The notes accompanying the submission state that “in accordance with paragraph 3 of Annex 1 to the Rules of Procedure [of the Commission], this Joint Submission represents a partial submission in respect of a portion only of the extended continental shelf claimed by each of the two submitting States. Submissions for such other portions of extended continental shelf shall be made by each of the two submitting States individually at an appropriate time.”

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the submission is available through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).

The consideration of the joint submission made by the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles will be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-third session of the Commission to be held in New York from 2 March to 9 April 2009.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

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