PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, referring to his communication of 4 December 2006, Ref.: CLCS.07.2006.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) concerning receipt of the submission made by Norway to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to submit the following observations by the Danish Government.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982, to which both Denmark and Norway are Parties, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Continental Shelf, 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 on 20 September 2006 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Prime Minister of the Government of the Faroes, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland on the delimitation of the continental shelf in the southern part of the Banana Hole, and with reference to Section 6.1 of the Executive Summary of Norway's submission, the Danish Government together with the Government of the Faroes confirm that they do not object to Norway's request that the Commission consider the documentation in its submission relating to the southern part of the Banana Hole and make its recommendation on the basis of this documentation, without

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prejudice to the submission at a later stage of documentation by Denmark/the Faroe Islands or to the delimitation of the continental shelf between Denmark/the Faroe Islands and Norway.

Referring to Section 6.2 of the Executive Summary the Danish Government together with the Greenland Home Rule Government confirm that they have no objection to the Commission considering and making recommendations on this part of the submission. Such consideration and recommendation will be without prejudice to the submission at a later stage of documentation by Denmark/Greenland or to any future delimitation of the continental shelf between Denmark/Greenland and Norway.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

New York, 24 January 2007