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The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, referring to its communication No. CLCS.41.2009.LOS of 13 May, 2009 concerning receipt of the submission made by the Republic of Palau to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission"), has the honor to submit the following observations by the Government of Japan.

The Government of Japan has taken note of the potential overlap between an area of continental shelf with respect to which information is being submitted by the Republic of Palau extending beyond 200 nautical miles from Ngeruangel and an area of continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from Okino-Tori Shima Island.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedures of the Commission, in particular Annex I thereto, provide that the actions of the Commission shall not prejudice the question of delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts.

With reference to the Executive Summary of the submission made by the Republic of Palau, the Government of Japan confirms that it does not object to the request of the Republic of Palau that the Commission consider the documentation in its submission relating to the aforementioned area and make its recommendations on the basis of this documentation, to the extent that such recommendations are without prejudice to the establishment of the outer limits of its continental shelf by Japan, or to any final delimitation of the continental shelf concluded subsequently in this area between the Republic of Palau and Japan.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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