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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General to the United Nations –Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS)-, and has the honor to refer to Chile's forthcoming submission before the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, concerning information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The Republic of Chile initiated the process of establishing the outer limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles on May 8 2009, through the submission of preliminary information indicative of the outer limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, together with a description of the status of preparation and intended date of making its submission in accordance with Article 76 of UNCLOS and article 4 of its Annex II, the Rules of Procedure and the Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, as well as the decisions of the Eleventh and Eighteenth Meetings of States Parties contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a), and SPLOS/183, paragraph 1 (a), respectively.

In its preliminary information of 8 May 2009, Chile indicated that partial submissions were expected to take place within a period of 10 years, unless otherwise specified. Chile also noted that it faces significant challenges in fulfilling the requirements of article 4 of Annex II of UNCLOS, due to geographical and technical constraints in relation to data acquisition.

The Republic of Chile has made important progress over the past decade towards acquiring data to support its submission regarding the outer limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles. At present time, Chile is concluding the phase of data processing and drafting of its first partial submission by December 2019.

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations kindly requests for this Note Verbale to be officially notified to all Member States and published on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, in conformity with SPLOS/183, paragraph 1 (d).

The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to offer the Secretary General of the United Nations, the assurances of its highest consideration.

To
the Secretary General of the United Nations
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