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Republic of Angola
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola presents its compliments to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honor to submit the Preliminary Information indicative of the outer limits of Angola's continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles, in accordance with paragraph 1. (a) of the document SPLOS/183, the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph a), as well as article 4 of Annex II of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereafter the *Convention*).

Following the results and the findings contained in its Desktop Study and further exploratory work, the government of Angola took the decision to proceed with the work and studies in order to set out the outer limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles. Taking into consideration the need to fulfill the Preliminary Information with the elements required by the document mentioned above, it is informed that:

1. Estimated outer limits of the continental shelf¹

The results contained in the initial desktop study based on publicly available data provide good indication that in most areas of the Angolan coast the foot of the continental slope may be located very near, or even beyond, the 200 nautical miles line. This indication, along with the information available in public data regarding sediment thickness and other evidence, strongly suggests that the outer limit of the Angolan continental shelf may be delimited by the 350 nautical miles constraint line. As an overall view, the figure contained in Annex 1 supports an outline of the area that potentially may become part of the continental shelf of Angola. That area is defined by coordinates contained in the tables of Annex 1.

Notwithstanding the fact that there are no agreed boundaries between Angola and the Republic of the Congo and between Angola and Gabon, the submission of Angola, and its consideration and recommendations by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, shall be considered in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 10, of the Convention, without prejudice of future delimitation in areas where other coastal states may be entitled to establish the outer limits of their extended continental shelf in accordance with International Law.

2. Status of the preparation of the submission

The preparation of a submission to be presented to the CLCS represents a major challenge and a considerable financial, scientific and technical effort. Moreover, only recently have the political, social and economical conditions in Angola

¹ Distances computed over the WGS84 ellipsoid surface based on the well-proven "Thadeus-Vincenty" algorithm. The map contained in Figure 1 is projected UTM33 (15E).

become stable enough to allow the proper evaluation of the basic geographic information, of which the country is partially deprived, critically needed for the fulfillment of Angola's obligations regarding the Convention, in particular its article 76 (Continental Shelf) and related Articles, but also relevant Articles in section 2 of Part II (base lines, Territorial Sea), Article 33 (Contiguous Zone), and Articles 57 and 75 (delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone).

Therefore, all information of a geographic nature included in this document has been taken from publicly available sources and is subject to future modification and eventual improvement, once the relevant high resolution studies have been completed.

In accordance with the preliminary findings contained in the initial Desktop Study and further information, which clearly showed the need to obtain updated geodesic, bathymetric and geological data, among other types of data, a considerable amount of work is actively being carried out in the assessment of the coast and base lines, as well as in the exploratory surveys for field work planning and execution, as indicated in the schedule contained in Annex 1, aiming the correct delimitation of the outer limit of continental shelf of Angola under Article 76 of UNCLOS and, inherently, related limits as well.

3. Intended date of making a submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Government of Angola firmly believes that the process may be closed and submitted to the CLCS by the end of 2013.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Angola avails itself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Luanda, 4th May 2009

Secretary General of the United Nation

H.E. Ban Ki Moon

New York

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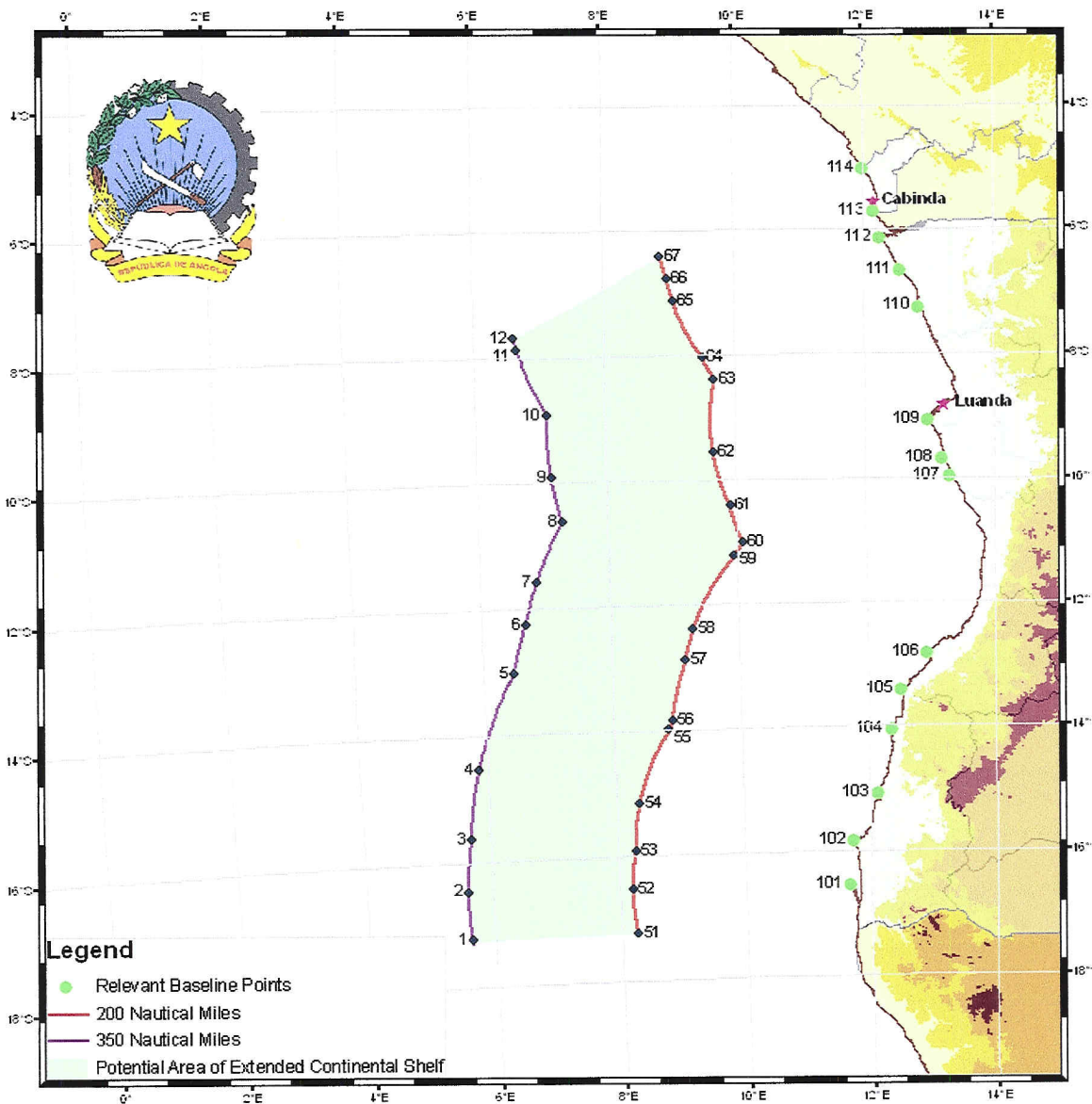


Figure 1 – Potential Area of Angola's Extended Continental Shelf

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TABLE 1

List of Coordinates of the Points Indicated in Figure 1 at a Distance of 200 Nautical Miles from the Relevant Points on Angola Baselines (based on public data, subject to modification; datum WGS84)

No	Longitude (E)	Latitude (S)
51	8° 15' 34,13"	17° 15' 00,00"
52	8° 12' 16,49"	16° 31' 35,76"
53	8° 16' 23,59"	15° 54' 35,21"
54	8° 21' 38,33"	15° 10' 01,81"
55	8° 51' 42,26"	13° 59' 55,93"
56	8° 55' 17,26"	13° 51' 48,42"
57	9° 09' 07,13"	12° 53' 58,20"
58	9° 17' 01,57"	12° 23' 34,26"
59	9° 57' 27,58"	11° 13' 30,14"
60	10° 05' 21,73"	11° 00' 35,42"
61	9° 54' 06,91"	10° 25' 53,65"
62	9° 39' 35,82"	9° 34' 24,67"
63	9° 41' 34,15"	8° 24' 00,97"
64	9° 30' 38,38"	8° 02' 48,66"
65	9° 04' 30,68"	7° 08' 03,12"
66	8° 59' 10,75"	6° 46' 38,64"
67	8° 53' 09,78"	6° 25' 27,05"

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TABLE 2

List of Coordinates of the Points Indicated in Figure 1 at a Distance of 350 Nautical Miles from the Relevant Points on Angola Baselines (based on public data, subject to modification; datum WGS84)

No	Longitude (E)	Latitude (S)
1	5° 37' 50,99"	17° 15' 00,00"
2	5° 36' 11,99"	16° 28' 01,60"
3	5° 41' 17,84"	15° 38' 27,28"
4	5° 51' 36,18"	14° 32' 35,20"
5	6° 27' 33,44"	13° 02' 30,01"
6	6° 40' 36,34"	12° 15' 06,62"
7	6° 52' 13,26"	11° 34' 47,14"
8	7° 17' 40,85"	10° 38' 01,46"
9	7° 09' 04,50"	9° 54' 43,60"
10	7° 06' 02,41"	8° 55' 24,92"
11	6° 40' 07,43"	7° 52' 12,79"
12	6° 37' 12,22"	7° 42' 01,94"

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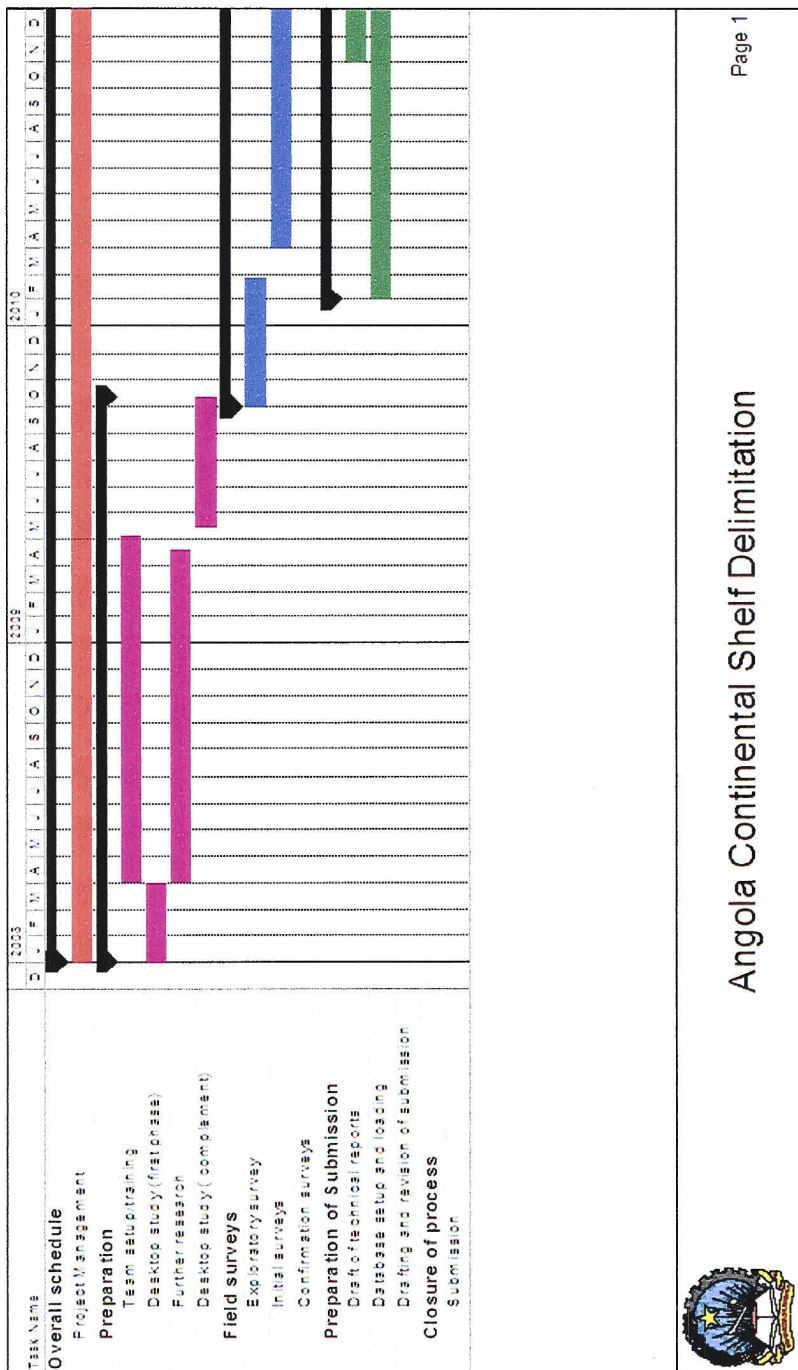
TABLE 3

List of Coordinates of the Relevant Points on Angola Baselines Indicated in Figure 1 Contributing to the Arcs of 200 and 350 Nautical Miles (from public data, subject to modification; datum WGS84)

No	Longitude (E)	Latitude (S)
101	11° 40' 28,25"	16° 32' 48,03"
102	11° 44' 49,69"	15° 50' 09,37"
103	12° 07' 37,41"	15° 04' 59,93"
104	12° 21' 37,63"	14° 04' 17,91"
105	12° 31' 58,07"	13° 25' 06,27"
106	12° 56' 28,26"	12° 50' 00,35"
107	13° 18' 40,16"	9° 58' 27,84"
108	13° 11' 46,43"	9° 41' 11,86"
109	12° 59' 37,57"	9° 04' 23,19"
110	12° 51' 01,35"	7° 15' 33,01"
111	12° 34' 28,42"	6° 40' 49,57"
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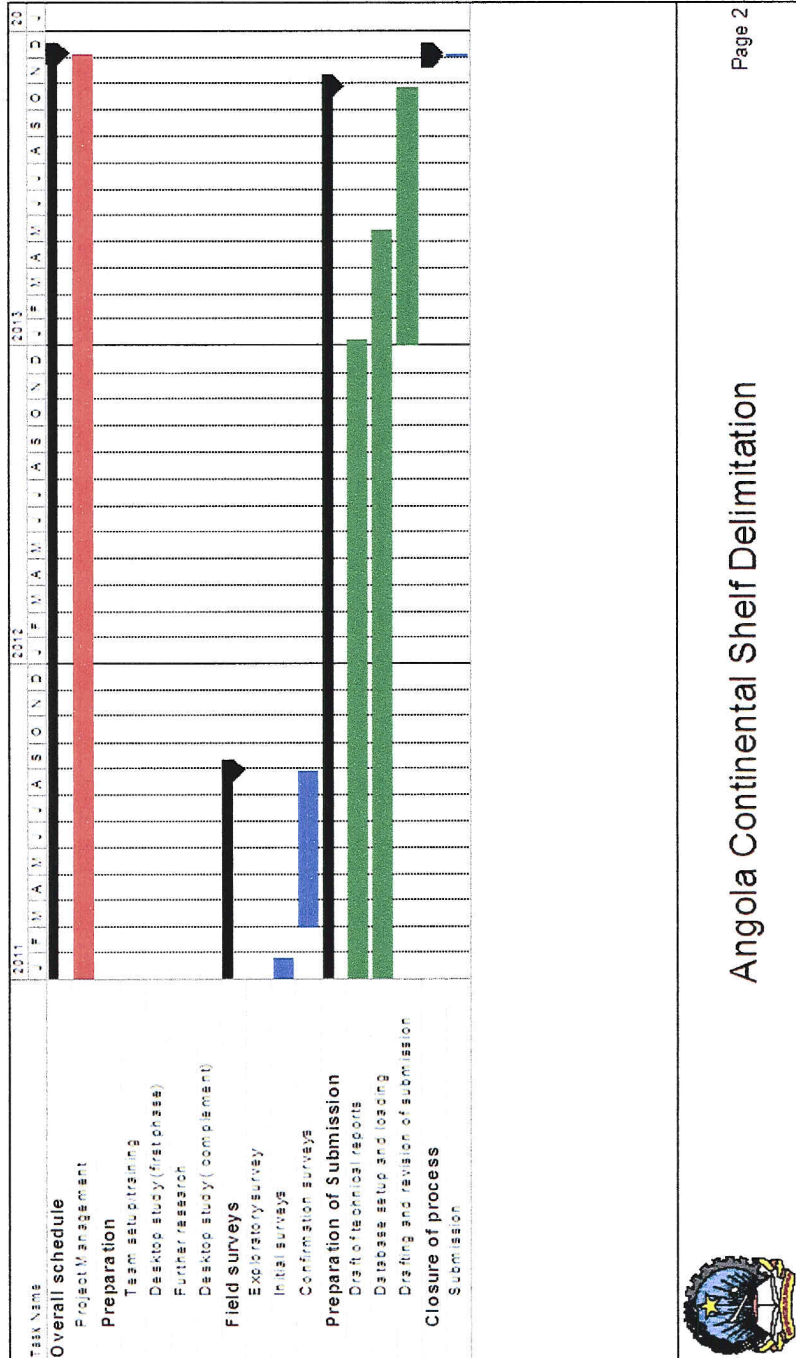
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Figure 2: Overall Schedule

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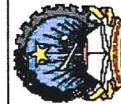


Figure 3: Overall Schedule (Continued)