

Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of Peru to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to refer to the publication, in Spanish and English, of "Preliminary information indicative of the outer limits of the continental shelf and description of the status of preparation and intended date of making a submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf", prepared by the Government of Chile, which appears in the section of the Division's website entitled "Preliminary information indicative of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles" (http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs_new/commission_preliminary.htm).

It should be noted that both the Spanish and English versions of the said report contain maps of Chile's geographical location, which purport to show the maritime boundary between Peru and Chile.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission wishes to draw attention both to the statement contained in its Note No. 7-1-SG/005, of 9 January 2001 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and published by the Division in Law of the Sea Information Circular (LOSIC) No. 13, and to its Note 7-1-SG/038 of 13 August 2001, addressed to the Division. In these communications, the Peruvian Government states that it has not signed any treaty delimiting a maritime boundary.

The Permanent Mission also wishes to recall that, on 16 January 2008, the Government of Peru filed an application with the International Court of Justice, requesting the Court to determine the course of the boundary between the maritime zones of Peru and Chile in accordance with international law. It therefore expresses its formal reservation regarding any representations made in the above-mentioned report and also expresses its reservation concerning any map that purports to show maritime boundaries between Peru and its neighbouring States.

Likewise, the Government of Peru expresses its reservation regarding the possible implications of any extension of Chile's continental shelf, beyond 200 nautical miles, with regard to the rights enjoyed by Peru under international law.

The Permanent Mission of Peru takes this opportunity to convey to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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