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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to communicate the following.

The Government of the United Republic of Tanzania submitted its Preliminary Information Indicative (PI) of the outer limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in accordance with the requirements of Article 76 of the Convention on the Law of the Sea and with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the limits of the continental shelf.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation regrets to inform that despite its best efforts, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania will not be able to submit her claim on the extension of the outer limits of the continental shelf by 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 as originally indicated due to reasons stated hereunder:

1. Delay in finalizing field work in the Ocean caused by financial constraints and cost escalation which led to the need for fresh sourcing of funds;
2. Following incidents of piracy in the Indian Ocean which necessitated military escort, there was a delay in obtaining additional seismic data;
3. A technical team supported by a Norwegian firm (GX-Technology AB) is yet to process recently obtained seismic data. Moreover, given that the processing centre is in Houston, USA processing and analysis of the data will not be completed by the current deadline of 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011;
4. Additionally, the UN requirement for the Document to be scrutinized by a Limits of the Continental Shelf expert before submission also presents a challenge as the appointed expert will only be available after 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011.

Consequently, and based on SPLOS/183, Paragraph I (d) the United Republic of Tanzania requests that the Secretary-General informs the Commission and notify Member States of the receipt of this notice to extend the final submission of the Master Document for a period of six (6) months from 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, and to

make this information available to the public including posting it on the website of the Commission.

For these reasons, the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania requests for an extension of the final submission date from 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to a new date of 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dar es Salaam, 27 April 2011



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New York