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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his capacity as depositary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ("**the Convention**") and has the honour to refer to the submission made by the Government of the Republic of Suriname on 5 December, 2008, to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ("**the Commission**"), in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8 and Annex II of the Convention.

Having regard to the areas of potential overlap between areas of continental shelf appertaining to Trinidad and Tobago and to Suriname, the Permanent Mission takes due note of the declaration of the Government of the Republic of Suriname, made pursuant to Article 76, paragraph 10, of the Convention, and according to which the submission of Suriname does not prejudice the delimitation of maritime boundaries with neighbouring States. On this basis, the Permanent Mission confirms the reciprocal undertaking entered into between Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname not to object to the submission of the other State to the Commission.

Trinidad and Tobago likewise affirms that it has no objection to the Commission making recommendations to Suriname with regard to the delineation of the outer limits of the continental shelf, on the understanding that those recommendations do not prejudice the establishment by Trinidad and Tobago of the outer limits of its continental shelf, or the delimitation, subsequently, of the continental shelf between Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname.

The Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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