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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the *Partial Submission on the Continental Shelf beyond 200 Nautical Miles to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf Pursuant to Part VI of and Annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982*, lodged by the United Republic of Tanzania on 18 January 2012 ('the Partial Submission') in accordance with Article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea, 1982 ('the Convention').

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations observes that Part 5 of the Partial Submission refers to the existence of overlapping maritime claims between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Seychelles, and to the conclusion of a memorandum of understanding by the two States, containing a no-prejudice clause concerning areas where there may be potential overlaps in areas of continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles appurtenant to the land territory of Seychelles and Tanzania.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations recalls that the Republic of Seychelles is aware of a potential, but unconfirmed, overlap between areas of continental shelf appurtenant to the relevant land territory of Seychelles and Tanzania, extending beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. In this regard, the Permanent Mission recalls further that pursuant to the *Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania Concerning the Consideration of Submissions to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf* ('Agreement'), a reciprocal undertaking is contained at Article 3 of the Agreement confirming that Seychelles and Tanzania have agreed not to object to the consideration by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ('the Commission') of a submission or submissions made by either Party in respect of the area of continental shelf referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement, on condition that any

such consideration and recommendations made by the Commission are to be without prejudice to the delimitation of maritime boundaries between the Parties, including where necessary, the delimitation of areas of continental shelf.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations notes that on 8 May 2009, the Republic of Seychelles lodged *Preliminary Information Submitted by the Republic of Seychelles Concerning the Extended Continental Shelf in the Aldabra Island Region* ('Preliminary Information') in accordance with the Decision of the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention contained in SPLOS/183. The Preliminary Information provides an indication of the outer limits of the continental shelf of the Republic of Seychelles in the Aldabra Island Region and notes that a potential overlap of continental shelf entitlements in this region may exist between Seychelles and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations notes further that as foreshadowed in the Preliminary Information, the Republic of Seychelles is engaged in work to prepare a submission concerning the outer limits of the continental shelf of Seychelles in the Aldabra Island Region in accordance with Article 76 of the Convention, and intends to formally lodge a submission with the Commission in respect of this region in 2013.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles to the United Nations requests that this Note Verbale be circulated to all Members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and to all States Parties to the Convention as well as Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Seychelles 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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