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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the United Nations Maritime Zone Notification vide M.Z.N.122.2016.LOS by Pakistan on 8 September 2016, deposit of a chart and relevant information permanently describing the outer limits of its continental shelf, pursuant to Articles 76, paragraph 9, and 84, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

The Government of the Republic of India wishes to place on record its objection to the said deposit to the extent that it purports to permanently describe the outer limits of the continental shelf in areas where maritime entitlements of India and Pakistan remain to be delimited.

India emphasizes that any such deposit made unilaterally by Pakistan cannot have legal effect vis-à-vis India in areas which remain to be delimited. In accordance with Article 83 of UNCLOS and established principles of international law, the outer limits of continental shelf of Pakistan remain subject to the delimitation of continental shelf boundary with India.

The Government of India considers that Pakistan's purported permanent description of the outer limits of its continental shelf, insofar as it relates to areas of potential or actual overlap with India's entitlements, is inconsistent with the provisions of UNCLOS, including Article 76, paragraph 10, and Article 9 of Annex II, which provide that actions taken pursuant to Article 76 are without prejudice to questions of delimitation between States.

India further underscores that the deposit of charts and coordinates under Articles 76 (9) and 84 (2) cannot prejudice the rights and legitimate claims of other States, nor can it be invoked to assert finality or opposability in respect of maritime areas which are not delimited.

Accordingly, the Government of India does not recognize, and cannot agree to, any unilateral assertion by Pakistan of outer limits of continental shelf in areas where the continental shelf boundary between India and Pakistan has not been delimited.

The Government of India reserves all its rights under international law, including UNCLOS, in respect of the continental shelf, including the seabed and subsoil thereof, in the areas concerned.

The Permanent Mission of India requests the Secretary-General to give due publicity to the present Note Verbale as an official document of the United Nations and circulate it to member States of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of India 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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