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Receipt of the submission made by the Sultanate of Oman to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 26 October 2017, the Sultanate of Oman submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for the Sultanate of Oman on 16 November 1994 and that, on 15 April 2009, the Sultanate of Oman had submitted preliminary information in respect of the area that includes the narrow bathymetric shelf adjacent to the land mass of Oman, the Owen basin, and the Owen Ridge, and that abuts the deep ocean floor of the Arabian Indian Sea (Indian fan) pursuant to the *Decision regarding the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the ability of States, particularly developing States, to fulfil the requirements of article 4 of annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a)*, adopted by the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention (SPLOS/183).

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (CLCS/40/Rev.1), the present communication is being circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, including all charts and coordinates contained therein. The executive summary of the submission is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

The consideration of the submission made by the Sultanate of Oman will be included in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session of the Commission scheduled to be held in New York from 29 January to 16 March 2018.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission will issue recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

