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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with reference to the Government of Malaysia's Note Verbale No. HA 37/2024 dated 27 June 2024 addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in response to the Philippines' 14 June 2024 submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of a claim for an extended continental shelf in the West Palawan Region, has the honor to state the position of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, as follows:

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines is entitled under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) to establish the outer limits of the Philippines' continental shelf in the West Palawan Region beyond 200 nautical miles from the relevant baselines from which its territorial sea is measured.
2. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has never relinquished its sovereignty over North Borneo. As regards the statement of Malaysia concerning the title of the Republic of the Philippines' claim to a portion of North Borneo, the Philippines recalls the agreement of the parties to the Manila Accord dated 31 July 1963, and reiterates its commitment under the Accord to assert its North Borneo claim in accordance with international law and the principle of the pacific settlement of disputes.

Considering the foregoing, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines requests that the Commission consider the Submission.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines 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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