

## Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations New York





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The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the submission made by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan regarding the outer limits of its continental shelf submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 30 April 2009.

The Sultanate of Oman acknowledges that the area of the continental shelf contained in Pakistan's submission may overlap with the area of Oman's continental shelf submission. The Sultanate of Oman further confirms that it is actively involved in the preparation of a continental shelf submission and plans to present its submission as detailed in its "Preliminary Information" submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 15 April 2009. The overlapping area, if any, would be subject to the delimitation of a Continental Shelf boundary between Oman and Pakistan.

Without prejudice to any future delimitation or any Continental Shelf Submission to be made by Oman, the "Potential Maritime Boundaries" in the Arabian Sea published in Pakistan's submission were ascertained unilaterally, and may, therefore be subject to future delimitation.

The Sultanate of Oman notes the statement made by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in its note no. Sixth/LS/7/2014 of 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 that, consistent with Article 76, paragraph 10, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, its submission has been made without prejudice to any future submission to be made by Oman or to any eventual future delimitation of the continental shelf between Pakistan and Oman that may be required. On that basis, the Sultanate of Oman withdraws the request contained in its note on 7<sup>th</sup> of August 2009, and confirms that it has no objection to the Commission considering and making recommendations on Pakistan's Submission.

The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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