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Dear Mr. Charles,

This is with reference to your Note dated 3 February 2010 by which you seek budgetary estimates on the following: (i) 21 Commissioners at the D-1 level; (ii) two senior geographic information systems officers from extra-budgetary resources; and (iii) levels of the 12 DOALOS staff members currently servicing the Commission, for the purpose of determining the future structure of the Commission and its secretariat, with a full-time presence at the United Nations Headquarters.

In reply to your request, please note our comments on the specific items concerned as follows.

(i) 21 Commissioners at the D-1 level

On the assumption that the emoluments and the compensatory arrangements for the members of the Commission will be the same as those in place for United Nations staff members, the operation of the Commission on a full-time basis at UNHQ would give rise to the following budgetary implications, as already communicated to you in our letter of 20 January 2010:

(a) Standard salary costs (Table 1), including net base salary, post adjustment, staff assessment, and common staff costs, which reflect standard costs for relocation, accommodation for the first 30 days for staff members and their families, and travel costs (The last two columns in Table 1 indicate respectively the total salary costs and the common service costs, as listed in Table 2, for the first year and for every year thereafter for 21 members of the Commission);

(b) Standard office costs (Table 2).

Table 3, attached to this letter, illustrates the assessed contributions, as applied in the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the 2009-2010 budget year. It should be noted that the Table 3 does not include the contribution of the European Union, which once determined, would decrease the respective contributions of other States Parties. It should also be noted that the Table 3 includes the cost of 21 members of the Commission at the D-1 level and does not include the staff of the secretariat pending a decision on the final structure of the Commission's secretariat.

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**(ii) Two senior geographic information systems officers from extra-budgetary resources; and
(iii) levels of the 12 DOALOS staff members currently servicing the Commission,**

In accordance with Annex II, article 2(5), of the Convention, “[t]he secretariat of the Commission shall be provided by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.” DOALOS/OLA, as the unit of the United Nations Secretariat entrusted to perform the Secretary-General’s functions under the Convention, provides, inter alia, secretariat services to the Commission.

(a) Please see Table 4 for the cost of two senior officers;

(b) As indicated in our letter of 20 January, DOALOS at present has 13 staff members (1 D-2, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 2 P-4, 3 P-3, and 4 OL) instead of 12 assigned to provide services to the Commission, in addition to other tasks they perform on daily basis. Standard salary costs (table 4), including net base salary, post adjustment, staff assessment, and common staff costs, which reflect standard costs for relocation, accommodation for the first 30 days for staff members and their families, and travel costs. The last column of table 4 indicates respectively the total salary costs and the common service costs, as listed in table 2, for the posts concerned.

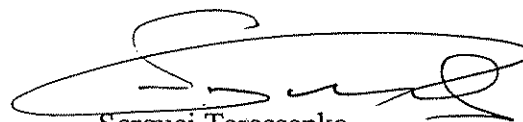
(c) Standard office costs (table 3);

It should be borne in mind that the attached tables only show indicative figures for cost implications.

We would also like to reiterate that the staffing requirements of the Division will need to be revisited in the light of any decision taken by the Meeting of States Parties concerning the workload of the Commission.

We remain at your disposal should you require further clarifications.

Yours sincerely,



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Table 1. Staff related costs related to the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Category level	Total staff salary related costs \$	Total non-recurrent for the first year \$	Total recurrent annual \$	Grand Total non-recurrent for the first year \$	Grand Total recurrent annual \$
D-1	\$304,100.00	\$359,800.00	\$322,800.00	\$7,555,800.00	\$6,778,800.00

Table 2. Operating expenses as per 2008-2009 Estimating guide for standard Common Service Cost in New York

Object of Expenditure	D-2		D-1		P-5		P-1 to P-4		General Service	
	non-recurrent	recurrent	non-recurrent	recurrent	non-recurrent	recurrent	non-recurrent	recurrent	non-recurrent	recurrent
Rental of premisses		\$14,300.00		\$14,300.00		\$14,300.00		\$14,300.00		\$14,300.00
Alterations/improvements	\$68,100.00		\$44,500.00		\$24,600.00		\$16,600.00		\$14,700.00	
Local area network	\$300.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Telephone and facsimile services	\$600.00	\$2,000.00	\$300.00	\$1,400.00	\$300.00	\$1,400.00	\$300.00	\$1,400.00	\$300.00	\$1,400.00
Standard Level Agreement for Maintenance Services		\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00
Office supplies		\$500.00		\$500.00		\$500.00		\$500.00		\$500.00
Furniture	\$11,300.00		\$8,500.00		\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00		\$9,100.00	
Acquisition of office automation equipment	\$2,400.00		\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00		\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	
Total per staff member	\$82,700.00	\$19,300.00	\$55,700.00	\$18,700.00	\$34,800.00	\$18,700.00	\$26,100.00	\$18,400.00	\$25,800.00	\$18,400.00

Table 3. Assessed contributions based on the scale of the International Tribunal for the

Member State	Tribunal's Scale of Assessment	D-1 \$6,778,800.00
Albania	0.0100	\$677.88
Algeria	0.1114	\$7,551.58
Angola	0.0100	\$677.88
Antigua and Barbuda	0.0100	\$677.88
Argentina	0.4259	\$28,870.91
Armenia	0.0100	\$677.88
Australia	2.3420	\$158,759.50
Austria	1.1625	\$78,803.55
Bahamas	0.0210	\$1,423.55
Bahrain	0.0432	\$2,928.44
Bangladesh	0.0131	\$888.02
Barbados	0.0118	\$799.90
Belarus	0.0262	\$1,776.05
Belgium	1.4443	\$97,906.21
Belize	0.0100	\$677.88
Benin	0.0100	\$677.88
Bolivia	0.0100	\$677.88
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.0100	\$677.88
Botswana	0.0183	\$1,240.52
Brazil	1.1481	\$77,827.40
Brunei Darussalam	0.0341	\$2,311.57
Bulgaria	0.0262	\$1,776.05
Burkina Faso	0.0100	\$677.88
Cameroon	0.0118	\$799.90
Canada	3.8924	\$263,858.01
Cape Verde	0.0100	\$677.88
Chile	0.2110	\$14,303.27
China	3.4953	\$236,939.40
Comoros	0.0100	\$677.88
Congo	0.0100	\$677.88
Cook Islands	0.0100	\$677.88
Costa Rica	0.0419	\$2,840.32
Cote d'Ivoire	0.0118	\$799.90
Croatia	0.0655	\$4,440.11
Cuba	0.0708	\$4,799.39
Cyprus	0.0577	\$3,911.37
Czech Republic	0.3683	\$24,966.32
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.0100	\$677.88
Denmark	0.9685	\$65,652.68
Djibouti	0.0100	\$677.88
Dominica	0.0100	\$677.88
Egypt	0.1153	\$7,815.96
Equatorial Guinea	0.0100	\$677.88
Estonia	0.0210	\$1,423.55
European Community	na	
Fiji	0.0100	\$677.88
Finland	0.7392	\$50,108.89
France	8.2580	\$559,793.30
Gabon	0.0105	\$711.77
Gambia	0.0100	\$677.88
Georgia	0.0100	\$677.88
Germany	11.2409	\$761,998.13
Ghana	0.0100	\$677.88
Greece	0.7811	\$52,949.21
Grenada	0.0100	\$677.88

Guatemala	0.0419	\$2,840.32
Guinea	0.0100	\$677.88
Guinea-Bissau	0.0100	\$677.88
Guyana	0.0100	\$677.88
Haiti	0.0100	\$677.88
Honduras	0.0100	\$677.88
Hungary	0.3198	\$21,678.60
Iceland	0.0485	\$3,287.72
India	0.5898	\$39,981.36
Indonesia	0.2110	\$14,303.27
Iraq	0.0197	\$1,335.42
Ireland	0.5832	\$39,533.96
Italy	6.6565	\$451,230.82
Jamaica	0.0131	\$888.02
Japan	21.7872	\$1,476,910.71
Jordan	0.0157	\$1,064.27
Kenya	0.0131	\$888.02
Kiribati	0.0100	\$677.88
Kuwait	0.2385	\$16,167.44
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.0100	\$677.88
Latvia	0.0236	\$1,599.80
Lebanon	0.0446	\$3,023.34
Lesotho	0.0100	\$677.88
Liberia	0.0100	\$677.88
Lithuania	0.0406	\$2,752.19
Luxembourg	0.1114	\$7,551.58
Madagascar	0.0100	\$677.88
Malaysia	0.2490	\$16,879.21
Maldives	0.0100	\$677.88
Mali	0.0100	\$677.88
Malta	0.0223	\$1,511.67
Marshall Islands	0.0100	\$677.88
Mauritania	0.0100	\$677.88
Mauritius	0.0144	\$976.15
Mexico	2.9580	\$200,516.90
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.0100	\$677.88
Moldova	0.0100	\$677.88
Monaco	0.0100	\$677.88
Mongolia	0.0100	\$677.88
Montenegro	0.0100	\$677.88
Morocco	0.0550	\$3,728.34
Mozambique	0.0100	\$677.88
Myanmar	0.0100	\$677.88
Namibia	0.0100	\$677.88
Nauru	0.0100	\$677.88
Nepal	0.0100	\$677.88
Netherlands	2.4547	\$166,399.20
New Zealand	0.3355	\$22,742.87
Nicaragua	0.0100	\$677.88
Nigeria	0.0629	\$4,263.87
Niue	0.0100	\$677.88
Norway	1.0249	\$69,475.92
Oman	0.0957	\$6,487.31
Pakistan	0.0773	\$5,240.01
Palau	0.0100	\$677.88
Panama	0.0301	\$2,040.42
Papua New Guinea	0.0100	\$677.88
Paraguay	0.0100	\$677.88
Philippines	0.1022	\$6,927.93
Poland	0.6566	\$44,509.60
Portugal	0.6907	\$46,821.17

Qatar	0.1114	\$7,551.58
Republic of Korea	2.8479	\$193,053.45
Romania	0.0917	\$6,216.16
Russian Federation	1.5727	\$106,610.19
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.0100	\$677.88
Saint LUCia	0.0100	\$677.88
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.0100	\$677.88
Samoa	0.0100	\$677.88
Sao Tome and Principe	0.0100	\$677.88
Saudi Arabic;a	0.9803	\$66,452.58
Senegal	0.0100	\$677.88
Serbia	0.0275	\$1,864.17
Seychelles	0.0100	\$677.88
Sierra Leone	0.0100	\$677.88
Singapore	0.4548	\$30,829.98
Slovakia	0.0826	\$5,599.29
Slovenia	0.1258	\$8,527.73
Solomon Islands	0.0100	\$677.88
Somalia	0.0100	\$677.88
South Africa	0.3801	\$25,766.22
Spain	3.8898	\$263,681.76
Sri Lanka	0.0210	\$1,423.55
Sudan	0.0131	\$888.02
Suriname	0.0100	\$677.88
Sweden	1.4036	\$95,147.24
Switzerland	1.5937	\$108,033.74
TFYR of Macedonia	0.0100	\$677.88
Togo	0.0100	\$677.88
Tonga	0.0100	\$677.88
Trinidad and Tobago	0.0354	\$2,399.70
Tunisia	0.0406	\$2,752.19
Tuvalu	0.0100	\$677.88
Uganda	0.0100	\$677.88
Ukraine	0.0590	\$3,999.49
United Kingdom	8.7049	\$590,087.76
United Republic of Tanzania	0.0100	\$677.88
Uruguay	0.0354	\$2,399.70
Vanuatu	0.0100	\$677.88
Viet Nam	0.0315	\$2,135.32
Yemen	0.0100	\$677.88
Zambia	0.0100	\$677.88
Zimbabwe	0.0105	\$711.77
Total	100.0000	\$6,778,793.22

Table 4. Staff related costs of the secretariat of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, as per UN Standard Salary C

Category level	Net Base Salary \$	Post Adjustment \$	Staff Assessment \$	Common Staff Cost \$	Representation Allowance \$	Total staff salary related costs \$	Total recurrent annual \$
D-2	\$112,100.00	\$86,700.00	\$43,300.00	\$88,600.00	\$600.00	\$331,300.00	\$350,600.00
D-1	\$103,200.00	\$79,800.00	\$39,600.00	\$81,500.00	\$0.00	\$304,100.00	\$322,800.00
P-5	\$90,900.00	\$70,300.00	\$33,700.00	\$71,800.00	\$0.00	\$266,700.00	\$285,400.00
P-4	\$77,600.00	\$60,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$61,300.00	\$0.00	\$225,900.00	\$244,300.00
P-3	\$64,500.00	\$49,900.00	\$21,300.00	\$51,000.00	\$0.00	\$186,700.00	\$205,100.00
OL	\$56,900.00	\$0.00	\$17,800.00	\$25,300.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$118,400.00