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Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the submission made by the Republic of Argentina to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (notification CLCS.25.2009.LOS of 1 May 2009), has the honour to inform him of the following.

The Russian Federation, as a State party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 and a Contracting Party to the Antarctic Treaty of 1959, has an interest in ensuring that all parties comply fully, unconditionally and responsibly with these important international treaties and adhere to their fundamental goals and principles.

In accordance with article IV of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty, the Russian Federation does not recognize any rights or claims in relation to territories located in the area covered by the Treaty, and considers that the assertion of such claims by any State does not establish rights over the seabed (continental shelf) and subsoil of the areas adjacent to the continent of Antarctica.

In that connection, the Russian Federation expects that the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf will not take any action with respect to the section of the above-mentioned submission by the Republic of Argentina that pertains to the seabed (continental shelf) and subsoil of the areas adjacent to the continent of Antarctica.

The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 24 August 2009
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