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The Permanent Mission of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents its Commitment, in accordance with Article 13 of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, to refer to the United Nations Maritime Zone Notification (Notification) dated 30 August 2016, concerning the extension of the maritime zone of the Sultanate of Oman, including its continental shelf, from the coast of the Indian Ocean to the coast of the Persian Gulf, and the continental shelf of the Persian Gulf, which was deposited on 26 (July 34) of the year 1437 (2016).

It is the view of the Government of Oman that the Government of Pakistan is not in breach of its obligations under Article 14(1) of the Convention. However, the Government of Oman has informed the Commission that it has taken steps to ensure that the relevant provisions have been permanently described in the Annexes to the Convention.

The Government of Oman wishes to recall that the outer limits of the continental shelf of Pakistan remain subject to the delimitation of its continental shelf boundary with Oman in accordance with Article 25 of the Convention. The need for such delimitation was recognized by the Governor of Pakistan in its diplomatic note Sixth U.S. 7/2014 to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, dated 20 October 2014, which stated:

"...the two countries have yet been delimiting, although the Government of Oman remains willing to work with the Government of Pakistan towards the delimitation boundary at the mutual convenience of both parties."

recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in respect of the outer limits of the continental shelf of Pakistan, and in view of the delimitation of boundaries between States, The Government of Pakistan therefore lay no claim to any part of the seabed or the subsoil of the continental shelf beyond the outer limits of the continental shelf as recommended by the Commission.

The Government of Oman is of the view that the deposit by the Government of Pakistan on 30 August 2016 of charts and information purporting to "permanently describe" continental shelf is inconsistent with that provision. Any such claim will be rejected.

regards his "final and binding" opinion of State of Oman under Article 26(8) of the Convention.

The Government of Oman requests the Secretary-General to

communicate and to circulate a

copy to member states of the United Nations.

The Sultanate of Oman avails itself of this opportunity to

renew to the Office of the Secretary-General its assurances of its

co-operation.



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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Submission made by Pakistan regarding the outer limits of the Continental Shelf, submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) on April 24, 2009, and to the "Preliminary Information on the Submission of the Continental Shelf by Oman on April 15, 2009".

Pursuant to the bilateral discussions on the subject held between Pakistan and Oman, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan acknowledges the rights of the Sultanate of Oman under international law in respect of its continental shelf and recognizes that the area included in Pakistan's submission may overlap with the area of the Continental Shelf contained in Oman's "Preliminary Information" and its future continental shelf submission. The overlapping areas, if any, shall be subject to the delimitation of a Continental Shelf boundary between Pakistan and Oman, to be resolved bilaterally.

Without prejudice to future delimitation of 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.

Constituted with Article 5, paragraph 7(b) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan confirms that 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.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to convey to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the

