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FOREWORD

This is the twenty-third issue of the Law of the Sea Information Circular (LOSIC), a periodic publication of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs. Its objective is to communicate to all States and entities information on actions taken by States Parties in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (“the Convention”), in particular regarding the deposit obligation, as well as to report on activities undertaken by DOALOS in this respect.

The purpose of LOSIC is also to assist States Parties to the Convention to discharge their obligations by giving due publicity to information in accordance with the Convention. This is of particular importance to coastal States, which are obliged under the Convention, *inter alia*, to give due publicity with regard to (i) charts and lists of geographical coordinates (articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 76(9) and 84(2)); (ii) laws and regulations relating to innocent passage (article 21(3)); and (iii) laws and regulations relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation adopted by States bordering straits (article 42(3)).

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I. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OF 1982, THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART XI OF THE CONVENTION AND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

A. Status of the Convention and of the Agreements as at 30 April 2006

1. From November 2005 to April 2006, no State expressed its consent to be bound by the Convention. As at 30 April 2006, there were 149 Parties to the Convention, including the European Community.
2. From November 2005 to April 2006, there was one accession to the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the Convention. The **Socialist Republic of Viet Nam** acceded to this Agreement on 27 April 2006. Thus, as at 30 April 2006, there were 123 Parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
3. From November 2005 to April 2006, there was one accession to the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. **Poland** acceded to this Agreement on 14 March 2006. Thus, as at 30 April 2006, there were 57 Parties to this Agreement, including the European Community.
4. Official information regarding the status of the Convention and its Agreements (ratification, accession, etc.) is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

B. Declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under article 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement

6. From November 2005 to April 2006, the following States made declarations or statements:

Republic of Korea
(on 18 April 2006)

"Declaration pursuant to article 298

"1. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 298 of the Convention, the Republic of Korea does not accept any of the procedures provided for in section 2 of Part XV of the Convention with respect to all the categories of disputes referred to in paragraph 1 (a), (b) and (c) of Article 298 of the Convention.

"2. The present declaration shall be effective immediately.

"3. Nothing in the present declaration shall affect the right of the Republic of Korea to submit a request to a court or tribunal referred to in Article 287 of the Convention to be permitted to intervene in the proceedings of any dispute between other States Parties, should it consider that it has an interest of a legal nature which may be affected by the decision in that dispute."

Republic of Palau
(on 27 April 2006)

"Declaration pursuant to article 298

"The Government of the Republic of Palau declares under paragraph 1 (a) of Article 298 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that it does not accept compulsory procedures entailing binding decisions relating to the delimitation and/or interpretation of or innb376.6r.8(ocS76)7(t)3.]TJt a (

3. Lists of conciliators and arbitrators
nominated under article 2 of annexe V and article 2 of annexe VII to the Convention

(a) List of conciliators

16. From November 2005 to April 2006, no State Party nominated conciliators.

17. Under article 2 Annex V to the Convention, a list of conciliators shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate four conciliators, each of whom shall be a person enjoying the highest reputation for fairness, competence and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the conciliators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of a conciliator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such conciliator shall continue to serve on any conciliation commission to which that conciliator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that commission.

18. The official information regarding the list of conciliators is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp>.

19. For ease of reference, a list of conciliators is also posted on the web site of the Division:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/conciliators_arbitrators.htm.

(b) List of arbitrators

20. From November 2005 to April 2006, no State Party nominated arbitrators.

21. Under article 2, Annex VII to the Convention, a list of arbitrators shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate four arbitrators, each of whom shall be a person experienced in maritime affairs and enjoying the highest reputation for fairness, competence and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the arbitrators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of an arbitrator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such arbitrator shall continue to serve on any arbitral tribunal to which that arbitrator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that arbitral tribunal.

22. The official information regarding the list of arbitrators is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

4. List of experts for the purposes of article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration) to the Convention

24. Article 2 of Annex VI

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32. States parties are encouraged to provide all the necessary information for conversion of the submitted

- (a) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N.56. 2006. LOS of 28 February 2006) regarding the deposit by **New Zealand** of ten nautical charts showing the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, together with the outer limits of its territorial sea and its exclusive economic zone calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention;
- (b) Maritime Zone Notification (M.Z.N.57. 2006. LOS of 30 March 2006) regarding the deposit by **Lithuania** of lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the straight baselines as well as the outer limits of the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Republic of Lithuania; and a chart, as adopted by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania in Resolution No. 1597 of 6 December

D. Information on other Actions Taken by States:

III. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS REGARDING OUTER LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

49. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, a communication was circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, as well as all charts and coordinates contained in that summary.

50. The consideration of the submission made by New Zealand will be included in the provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 21 August to 15 September 2006. Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations to New Zealand pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

Continental Shelf Notifications

51. "Continental Shelf Notifications" are circulated to all States Members of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission made by a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention.

ANNEX I

MARITIME ZONE NOTIFICATIONS

NEW-ZEALAND

M.Z.N. 56. 2006. LOS

(Maritime Zone Notification) 28 February 2006

Deposit by New Zealand of nautical charts pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 15 February 2006, New Zealand deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention, ten nautical charts showing the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured, together with the outer limits of its territorial sea and its exclusive economic zone calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. The charts also depict the line of the maritime boundary delimited between New Zealand and Australia by the Treaty between the Government of New Zealand and the Government of Australia Establishing Certain Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf Boundaries, signed in Adelaide on 25 July 2004. In the note accompanying the deposit New Zealand stated that “the remainder of the outer limits of the continental shelf shall be depicted after New Zealand has presented its submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76(8) of the Convention”.

The deposited charts are as follows:

Chart Number: NZ21 (INT641); entitled: “Norfolk Island to Cape Egmont”; Scale: 1:1 500 000 (23°); Projection: Mercator, Datum: WGS84;

Chart Number: NZ22 (INT639); entitled: “Kermadec Islands to East Cape”; Scale: 1:1 500 000 (23°); Projection: Mercator, Datum: WGS84;

Chart Number: NZ23 (INT640); entitled: “North Island”; Scale: 1:1 500 000 (23°); Projection: Mercator, Datum: WGS84;

Chart Number: NZ24; entitled: “Western Approaches to South Island”; Scale: 1:1 250 000 (41°); Projection: Mercator, Datum: WGS84;

NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE

M.Z.N. 56. 2006. LOS

(Notification Zone Maritime) Le 28 février 2006

Dépôt de cartes marines par la Nouvelle-Zélande conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16, au paragraphe 2 de l'article 75

et au paragraphe 2 de l'article 84, de la Convention

Le 15 février 2006, la Nouvelle-Zélande a déposé auprès du Secrétaire général, conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16, au paragraphe 2 de l'article 75 et au paragraphe 2 de l'article 84 de la Convention, dix cartes marines indiquant les lignes de base à partir desquelles la largeur de la mer territoriale est mesurée, ainsi que les limites

LITHUANIA**M.Z.N. 57. 2006. LOS****(Maritime Zone Notification) 30 March 2006**

Deposit by the Republic of Lithuania of lists of geographical coordinates of points and a chart, pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 27 March 2006, the Republic of Lithuania deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the straight baselines as well as the outer limits of the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Republic of Lithuania, and a chart, as adopted by the Government of the Republic of Lithuania in Resolution No. 1597 of 6 December 2004.

The coordinates are established within the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).

In the note accompanying the deposit, the Republic of Lithuania stated that “[T]he establishment of the sea boundaries of the Republic of Lithuania is without prejudice to the delimitation of the maritime zones with States with opposite or adjacent coasts, effected by agreement on the basis of international law.”

The lists of geographical coordinates of points and the chart will be reproduced in Law of the Sea Bulletin No. 61.

The original lists of geographical coordinates and the chart, as deposited by Lithuania, may be consulted at the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0450, telephone: (212) 963-3962 or fax: (212) 963-5847).

LITUANIE**M.Z.N. 57. 2006. LOS****(Notification Zone Maritime) Le 30 mars 2006**

Dépôt par la République de Lituanie de listes de coordonnées géographiques des points et d'une carte marine, en vertu du paragraphe 2 de l'article 16, du paragraphe 2 de l'article 75, et du paragraphe 2 de l'article 84, de la Convention

Le 27 mars 2006, la République de Lituanie a déposé auprès du Secrétaire général, conformément au paragraphe 2 de l'article 16, au paragraphe 2 de l'article 75 et au paragraphe 2 de l'article 84, de la Convention

KENYA**M.Z.N. 58. 2006. LOS****(Maritime Zone Notification) 25 April 2006**

Deposit by the Republic of Kenya
of lists of geographical coordinates of points,
pursuant to article 16, paragraph 2, and article 75,
paragraph 2, of the Convention

On 11 April 2006, the Republic of Kenya deposited with the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 16, paragraph 2, and article 75, paragraph 2, of the Convention, two lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the straight baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured and the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Kenya, together with illustrative map number SK 90 (edition 4), as contained in the Proclamation by the President of the Republic of Kenya of 9 June 2005, in respect of Kenya's

ANNEX II

CONTINENTAL SHELF NOTIFICATIONS

BRAZIL

**CLCS. 02. 2004.Add.1.LOS
(Continental Shelf Notification) 1 March 2006**

Receipt of the addendum
to the executive summary of the submission
made by the Federative Republic of Brazil
to the Commission on the Limits
of the Continental Shelf

On 1 March 2006, Brazil transmitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, through the Secretary-General, an addendum to the executive summary of the submission made by Brazil. It is recalled that that submission was made, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, on 17 May 2004. According to the note accompanying the addendum, the addendum complements information previously provided for examination to the Commission as well as to the Sub-Commission established to examine the Brazilian submission.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, as well as the decision of the Commission taken at its sixteenth session (CLCS/48, paragraphs 18 and 19), the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations and parties to the Convention, in order to make public the addendum to the executive summary of the submission, including all charts and coordinates contained therein. The addendum to the executive summary of the submission is available through the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

It is recalled that upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations to Brazil pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

BRÉSIL

**CLCS. 02. 2004.Add.1.LOS
(Notification plateau continental) Le 1^{er} mars 2006**

Réception de l'additif au résumé de la demande
présentée par la République fédérative du Brésil
à la Commission des limites du plateau continental

Le 1^{er} mars 2006, le Brésil a transmis à la Commission des limites du plateau continental, par l'intermédiaire du Secrétaire général, un additif au résumé de la demande présentée par le Brésil. Cette demande a été présentée, en conformité avec le paragraphe 8 de l'article 76 de la Convention, le 17 mai 2004. Selon la note accompagnant l'additif, celui-ci complète les informations précédemment fournies pour examen à la Commission et à la sous-commission créée pour examiner la demande brésilienne.

Conformément au Règlement intérieur de la Commission ainsi qu'à la décision prise par celle-ci à sa seizième session (CLCS/48, paragraphes 18 et 19), la présente communication est transmise à tous les États membres de l'Organisation des Nations Unies et à tous les États parties à la Convention, afin de rendre public l'additif au résumé de la demande, ainsi que les cartes et les coordonnées qui y sont incluses. L'additif au résumé de la demande est disponible sur le site Internet de la Division des affaires maritimes et du droit de la mer du Bureau des affaires juridiques, à l'adresse : www.un.org/Depts/los.

Une fois l'examen de la demande complété, la Commission formulera des recommandations au Brésil en conformité avec l'article 76 de la Convention.

NEW ZEALAND**CLCS.05.2006.LOS (Continental Shelf
Notification) 21 April 2006****Receipt of the submission made by New Zealand
to the Commission on the Limits
of the Continental Shelf**

On 19 April 2006, New Zealand made a submission through the Secretary-General to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for New Zealand on 18 August 1996.

The submission contains the information on the proposed outer limits of the continental shelf of New Zealand beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

According to the submitting State, this is a partial submission, “not including areas of continental shelf appurtenant to Antarctica.”

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, including States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the submission, as well as all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the submission is available through the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

The consideration of the submission made by New Zealand shall be included in the provisional