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Receipt of the joint submission made by the French Republic
and the Republic of South Africa
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 6 May 2009, the French Republic and the Republic of South Africa submitted jointly to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 3, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in the area of the Crozet Archipelago and the Prince Edward Islands.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for France on 11 May 1996 and for South Africa on 22 January 1998.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (CLCS/40/Rev.1), the present communication is 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 joint submission, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the joint submission is available through the website 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 joint submission made by the two coastal States will be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 10 August to 11 September 2009.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

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