



Note No. 194/09

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs) and has the honour to refer to the submission of the Government of the Republic of Ghana on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, made on 12 August 2009, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, regarding the delineation of the outer limits of its continental shelf.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has the honour to recall that at a meeting of some Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on the outer limits of the continental shelf held in Accra, Ghana, from the 23 to 27 February 2009, under the auspices of ECOWAS Commission with the support of the Kingdom of Norway, Member States present (Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria and Togo), agreed on a "no objection" clause as contained in paragraph VII/18 of the report of the meeting, which states as follows:

"Issues of the limit of adjacent/opposite boundaries shall continue to be discussed in a spirit of cooperation to arrive at a definite delimitation even after the presentation of the preliminary information/submission. Member States shall themselves initiate 'no objection' clauses to the submission of their neighbours".

On this basis, Nigeria wishes to confirm that it has no objection to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf addressing its recommendations to Ghana with regard to the delineation of the outer limits of the continental shelf, and that such recommendations do not prejudice the future definitive delimitation of the continental shelf between Nigeria and Ghana.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria requests that this no objection verbal be brought to the attention of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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