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The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the Republic of the Philippines' Partial Submission ("Philippines' Partial Submission") to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ("the Commission") dated 14 June 2024, has the honour to state the position of the Government of Malaysia as follows:

The Government of Malaysia categorically rejects the Philippines' Partial Submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) dated 14 June 2024. Malaysia's position is based on the following grounds:

1. The Philippines' Partial Submission is fundamentally flawed as it seeks to project a continental shelf from the baselines of the Philippines, which is inconsistent with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Malaysia maintains that the continental shelf of the Philippines is limited to the natural prolongation of its land territory, and any extension beyond that is not supported by scientific evidence.

2. Malaysia's continental shelf extends to the same area as the Philippines' Partial Submission, and it is based on the natural prolongation of its land territory. Malaysia's continental shelf is defined by the 2009 Malaysia Extended Continental Shelf Declaration, which is in full compliance with UNCLOS.

3. The Philippines' Partial Submission is an attempt to encroach upon Malaysia's continental shelf, which is a violation of Malaysia's sovereign rights over its continental shelf. Malaysia reserves the right to submit its own Partial Submission to the Commission at any time.

Submission on the basis that the Republic of the Philippines' continental margin is projected from the baselines of the Philippines, which is inconsistent with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). Malaysia maintains that the continental shelf of the Philippines is limited to the natural prolongation of its land territory, and any extension beyond that is not supported by scientific evidence.

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia has further the honour to request that this *Note Verbale* be circulated to all members of the Commission, all States Parties to UNCLOS 1982 as well as all Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurance