

Government of the  
Somali Republic

Notification Pursuant to Article 2009.DOS

The Government of the  
Somali Republic  
hereby  
notifies the  
United Nations  
that it  
intends to  
submit the  
territorial  
dispute  
between  
the  
Somali  
Republic  
and  
the  
Puntland  
State  
of  
Somalia  
to  
arbitration  
in  
accordance  
with  
the  
provisions  
of  
Article  
2009.DOS  
of  
the  
United  
Nations  
Convention  
on  
the  
Law  
of  
the  
Sea.

The determination of the continental shelf between the Somali Republic and the Puntland State of Somalia may therefore be subject to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Article 2009.DOS of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The parties shall submit their dispute to arbitration in accordance with article 2 of Annex I to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

"The Chain Ridge" is seafloor high that extends south-south-westwards from the Central Ridge. It is bounded to the west by the "Central Ridge" and to the east by the "Sornath Spur". To the south it ends seaward of the "Sornath Spur". To the north, it connects morphologically with Sornath Spur (Figure 1 and Figure 2).



### Depth distribution and bathymetric sequencing

The bathymetric sequence shows a distinct vertical stratification of the seafloor. The uppermost layer is characterized by a dense, irregular pattern of small, shallow depressions and ridges, colored in shades of pink and purple. Below this, a layer of medium-sized, roughly circular depressions is visible in blue and cyan. The deepest layer, at the bottom of the sequence, consists of large, irregular depressions in green and yellow. The overall pattern suggests a transition from relatively shallow, complex topography at the surface to deeper, more open depressions below.

