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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Vanuatu to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and as the depository for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and draws his attention to the following observations of the Republic of Vanuatu arising from the amended Information filed by the Federated States of Micronesia on the limits of the continental shelf in the area of the North Fiji Region.

The Republic of Vanuatu notes with satisfaction paragraph 14 of the statement by the Chairman of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the progress of work in the Commission at its Twelfth Session, held in New York from August 11 to September 21, 2009 (C.L.S./64) which acknowledged the Note Verbale dated 12 August 2009, and that the Commission's rules of procedure will be invoked to dispense with the usual

The Republic of Vanuatu again notes that the Executive Summary of the Fiji Submission fails to comply with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission and with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, and that the amended information of the Federated States of Micronesia asserts that the Republic of Vanuatu has officially claimed entitlement to that maritime area, and subject to a dispute between Fiji and the Republic of Vanuatu, concerning maritime boundary negotiations.

In that regard, the Republic of Vanuatu maintains that its objection to the consideration of the Federated States of Micronesia's submission is without prejudice to the agreement of the preliminary information that was provided to the Commission by Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands concerning the North Fiji Region, and the actions of the Commission are not prejudicial to the boundaries of the

As with the Note Verbale dated 12 August 2009, this Note Verbale is without prejudice to the agreement of the preliminary information that was provided to the Commission by Fiji, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands concerning the North Fiji Region.

The Republic of Vanuatu reserves its right to submit further comments in relation to the partial submission of Fiji as and when more qualified assessments are conducted, including an assessment in the next identified date.

The Republic of Vanuatu requests that the Secretary-General of the United Nations inform the Commission and non-member States of the Republic of this Note Verbatim.

The Permanent Mission of Vanuatu in the United Nations seeks an opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the following assurances of its highest consideration:

New York, 12 July 2012



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