



SOLOMON ISLANDS MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Note 13/09

The Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to advise in view of our commitment to the decision contained in paragraph 1 (a) of SPLOS/183, Preliminary Information and negotiation of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond Solomon Islands 200 nautical miles in respect to a high seas enclave at the junction of Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Australian Economic Exclusive Zones. Map identifying the area claimed is attached.

The Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations has the further honour to inform the Secretary General of the United Nations to register Solomon Islands' intent and interest to make the claim as Solomon Islands' interest in the area, including the high seas floor feature commonly known as French Island Archipelago. Solomon Islands' note of interest does not prejudice any future negotiations concerning the pocket of high seas in question.

The Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations has the further honour to inform the Secretary General of the United Nations that Solomon Islands, with the assistance of its partners, will commence a desk top study on the enclave.

The Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands request that the Secretary General to inform the Commission and notify member states of the receipt of the Preliminary Information in accordance to operative paragraph 1 (d) of SPLOS/183 and to convey that the Government of Solomon Islands will endeavour to make a submission of the enclave by 2012.

The Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands to the United Nations would appreciate the United Nations' Secretariat assistance in circulating this note.

The Permanent Mission of Solomon Islands avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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