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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the iter nations meaning its sometiments to the Secretaria mean of the United Nations and with reference to the Submission on the Limits of Republic of Vietnam dated 06 May 2009 to the Commission on the Limits of the Commission on the Limits of the continuation of the continuation of the continuation of the South China Sea, has the honor to state the position of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines as follows:

The Submission for Extended Continental Shelf by the Socialist Republic of Victory lays slaim on areas that are disputed because they overlap with those of the Philippines'.

Articles of the Convention including its Annex II and the Rules of

as follows:

"1. The Commission recognizes that the commetence with respect to metters regarding disputes which was parties in work as him with the establishment of the outer limits of the continental shelf restanción Singles"

"5 (a) In cases where a land or maritime dienute evicts the Commission shall not consider and qualify a submission made by any of the States concerned in the dispute."

In view of the foregoing circumstances, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines is constrained to request the Commission to refrain from considering the aforementioned Unilateral Submission by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, unless and until after the parties have

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration

New York, 4 August 2009 --

