

Translated from Spanish

Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the information submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in accordance with article 76, paragraph 8, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (N.U. 138/09/600 of 21 April 2009).

The Argentine Republic recalls the common principles and objectives of the Antarctic Treaty and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the importance of ensuring consistency between the Antarctic Treaty System and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, in order to ensure continued peaceful cooperation, security and stability in the Antarctic region.

The Argentine Republic takes into account the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Law of the Sea, including article 77 thereof, which establishes, inter alia, that the rights of the coastal State over the continental shelf do not depend on any express proclamation, and recalls the decisions of the meetings of States parties to the Convention and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Argentine Republic also takes into account the circumstances of the region south of 60 degrees south latitude and the special legal and political status of Antarctica under the provisions of the Antarctic Treaty, including article IV thereof, and the Rules of Procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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