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**United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
concluded at Montego Bay, Jamaica  
on 10 December 1982**

Republic of India:

Notification regarding the submission made by Australia  
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Secretariat of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 11 July 2005, the Secretary-General received from the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations a note dated 5 July 2005, referring to the submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, made by Australia on 15 November 2004, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention.

The text of the note is attached for information.

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The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the circular note CLCS.03.2004.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) of 15 November 2004 concerning the Australian submission to the Commission on the Limits of Continental Shelf ("the Commission"), has the honour to express the position of the Government of India with regard to the submission made by the Government Australia relating to the seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas adjacent to the continent of Antarctica.

India recalls the principles and objectives shared by the Antarctic Treaty and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the Convention), and confirms the importance of harmony between the Antarctic Treaty and the Convention and of the continuing cooperation, security and stability in the Antarctic area.

India, while referring to Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty, wishes to inform that it does not recognise any state's right or claims to territorial sovereignty in the Antarctic area, and consequently does not recognise any state's right over or claims to the water, seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas adjacent to the continent of Antarctica.

Acknowledging with appreciation Australia's request to the Commission for not taking any action on the portion of its submission relating to areas of the seabed and subsoil adjacent to Antarctica, India requests the Commission not to take any action accordingly.

India requests that this *note verbale* be made available to the Member States and the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations avails of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Secretary-General  
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New York.

