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The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations
its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of Legal Affairs) and refers to
the recent submission by Argentina to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
(the Commission). The United States recalls the principles and objectives shared by the
Antarctic Treaty and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the Convention), and
the importance of the Antarctic system and the Convention working in harmony and thereby
ensuring the continuing peaceful cooperation, security and stability in the Antarctic area. The
United States wishes to inform the Secretariat that, recalling Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty,
the United States does not recognize any State's claim to territory in Antarctica and consequently
does not recognize any State's rights over the seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas
and adjacent to the continent of Antarctica. The United States understands that the Commission
will not take any action on that portion of Argentina's submission relating to areas of the seabed
and subsoil adjacent to Antarctica. The United States requests that this note be posted on the
United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea website and be made
available to the Commission.

The Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations takes this
opportunity to renew to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.