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The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of Legal Affairs) and has the honour to refer to its communication No. CLCS.03.2004.LOS of 15 November 2004 concerning the submission made by Australia to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in which that country mentions France's position with regard to the outer limits proposed by Australia for the Kerguelen Plateau and New Caledonia regions.

France has taken note of the potential overlap between the areas of extended