

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 Executive Office of the Secretary-General and has the pleasure to refer to the submission from the Republic of Chile addressed to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter, “the Commission”) and disseminated through the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea circular of 2 March 2022.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its full adherence to the common principles and objectives of the 1959 Antarctic Treaty, in particular its article IV, and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

In this regard, the Argentine Republic notes that, in the submission made by the Republic of Chile through note No. 17/2022, and in its corresponding executive summary, the Republic of Chile requests the Commission not to take any action for the time being with regard to the information contained in the submission.

Argentina and Chile have recognized each other’s sovereign status in the Antarctic territory and have indicated that the delimitation of the two countries’ territories on that continent remains pending. This was expressly recognized in the Joint Declaration on the South American Antarctic of 12 July 1947 and in the Agreement of 4 March 1948. The content of those instruments was reaffirmed in the Declaration on Antarctica of 16 May 1974 and in the Joint Declaration on Antarctica of 28 August 1990.

In this regard, Argentina rejects any claim by Chile to the area east of the 74° W meridian and requests that the Commission refrain from considering and qualifying the above-mentioned submission from Chile, in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of annex I of the Commission’s Rules of

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Procedure. In addition, Argentina rejects the possibility of any future submission by Chile regarding a hypothetical “eastern” continental shelf on the Antarctic continent.

With respect to the delineation of an alleged outer limit of the continental shelf, as reflected in points SFZ_OLCS_001 to SFZ_OLCS_006 and SFZ_OLCS_051, set out in the executive summary of the submission from Chile, Argentina is not certain that those points have been identified in accordance with the applicable rules of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission.

With regard to the maps contained in the executive summary of the above-mentioned submission, the Argentine Republic reiterates the statements made in note No. 616/2021 of 3 September 2021 from the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations addressed to the United Nations Secretariat, and in note No. 05/2021 of 6 September 2021 from the Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the International Seabed Authority addressed to the Secretary-General of the Seabed Authority. For the reasons stated in those communications, Argentina rejects the attempt of Chile to extend, south of Tierra del Fuego, its continental shelf to the area east of the 67°16.0' W longitude meridian, as it is clearly contrary to international law and, in particular, to the 1984 Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Argentina and Chile.

Argentina should be grateful if the present note could be published on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

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

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