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Receipt of the submission made by the Federated States of Micronesia,
Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

On 5 May 2009, the Federated States of Micronesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands submitted jointly to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial seas is measured concerning the Christmas Island Plateau.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for the Federated States of Micronesia on 16 November 1994, for Papua New Guinea on 15 February 1997 and for Solomon Islands on 23 July 1997.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission (CLCS/40/Rev.1), the present communication is circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, as well as States Parties to the Convention, in order to make public the executive summary of the joint submission, including all charts and data contained in that summary. The executive summary of the joint submission is available through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: www.un.org/Depts/los.

The consideration of the joint submission made by the three coastal States will be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission to be held in New York from 10 August to 11 September 2009.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to Article 76 of the Convention.

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