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the Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka presents its compliment to the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the submission made by the Union of Myanmar on 16th December 2008 pursuant to Article 76 paragraph 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982) containing information on the limits of which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured

Commission *inter alia* on the Statement of Understanding concerning a specific method to be used in establishing the outer edge of the Continental

Conference on the Law of the Sea. Sri Lanka further notes that the contents of the Executive Summary do not enable Sri Lanka to make an informed judgement

wishes to state its position that the "State" referred to in the Statement of Understanding is Sri Lanka. Accordingly Sri Lanka agrees to the presentation of

its submission by Myanmar, to the Commission, on the understanding that its presentation and consideration is without prejudice to a future submission by Sri Lanka under the terms of the Statement of Understanding.

Commission that no recommendations prejudicial to Sri Lanka's interest be made on the area claimed by Myanmar under the Statement of Understanding. Further

... of the continental shelf
between neighbouring States in the area claimed by Myanmar under the

Statement of Understanding

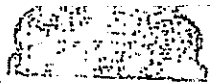
... at this point should not be interpreted as either
Sri Lanka's inability to consent
agreement or acquiescence by Sri Lanka to Myanmar's submission, under the
Statement of Understanding.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the United
Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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