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The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and, with reference to Notification No.

CLCS.44.2009.LOS of 14 May 2009 acknowledging receipt of the submission by Portugal

to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, has the honour to submit the

following comments of the Government of Spain for his consideration.

The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, to which both Spain and Portugal are parties, including to its Annex II, and the Rules of Procedure of the

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS/40/Rev.1), in particular Annex I

of the aforementioned Rules of Procedure, provide that the actions of the Commission shall

not prejudice matters relating to the delimitation of boundaries between States parties with

opposite or adjacent coasts.

The Government of Spain has no objection to the request made by Portugal for the Commission to consider the documentation in its submission on the area of the Galicia Bank and make its recommendations on the basis of that documentation, unless it should prejudice the future delimitation of the continental shelf between Spain and Portugal in the aforementioned area, in accordance with the content of the Executive Summary of the Spanish submission (section 5) and the Executive Summary of the Portuguese submission (section X).

The Permanent Mission of Spain takes this opportunity to present to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 28 May 2009 [*el alfa Pe un tM*]

Secretary-General

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