

FOREWORD

This is the twenty-fifth issue of the Law of the Sea Information Circular (LOSIC), a periodic publication of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs. Its objective is to communicate to all States and entities information on actions taken by States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (“the Convention”) in implementing that Convention, in particular regarding the deposit obligation, as well as to report on activities undertaken by DOALOS in this respect.

The purpose of LOSIC is also to assist States Parties to the Convention in discharging their obligations to give due publicity to information in accordance with the Convention: Coastal States are obliged, *inter alia*, to give due publicity with regard to (i) charts and lists of geographical coordinates (articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 76(9) and 84(2)); (ii) laws and regulations relating to innocent passage (article 21(3)); and (iii) laws and regulations relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation adopted by States bordering straits (article 42(3)).

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A. Status of the Convention and of the Agreements as at 30 April 2007

1. From November 2006 to April 2007, one State, namely the **Republic of Moldova**, acceded to the Convention, on 6 February 2007. Thus, as at 30 April 2007, there were 153 Parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.

2. From November 2006 to April 2007, one State, namely the **Republic of Moldova**, expressed its consent to be bound by the Agreement on Part XI on 6 February 2007. Thus, as at 30 April 2007, there were 127 Parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.

3. From November 2006 to April 2007, four States acceded to the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention relating to the conservation and management of straddling fish stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. **Bulgaria** acceded to this Agreement on 13 December 2006, **Latvia** on 5 February 2007, **Lithuania** on 1 March 2007, and the **Czech Republic** on 19 March 2007. Thus, as at 30 April 2007, there were 66 Parties to this Agreement, including the European Community.

4. Official information regarding the status of the Convention and its Agreements (ratification, accession, etc.) is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/chapterXXI.asp>.

5. For ease of reference, a consolidated table recapitulating the status of the Convention and the related Agreements prepared by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (thereafter, "the Division"), Office of Legal Affairs, is also available at the web site of the Division at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/status2007.pdf.

B. Declarations and statements under article 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement

6. Official information regarding the declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp#Declarations>
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty7.asp#Declarations>
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty9.asp#Declarations>.

7. For ease of reference, the declarations and statements are also published on the web site of the Division at:
http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm

11. For ease of reference, the declarations and statements are also available at the web site of the Division at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_declarations.htm.

12. In addition, a quick-reference recapitulative table on the choice of procedure and optional exceptions to applicability of Part XV, Section 2, of the Convention, is available at the web site of the Division at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/choice_procedure.htm.

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp>.

19. For ease of reference, a list of conciliators is also posted on the web site of the Division:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/conciliators_arbitrators.htm.

(b) List of arbitrators

20. From November 2006 to April 2007, **Estonia** and **Cyprus** nominated arbitrators. Estonia nominated Mrs. Ene Lillipuu, Head, Legal Department, Estonian Maritime Administration and Mr. Heiki Lindpere, Director, Institute of Law, University of Tartu (18 December 2006). Cyprus nominated Ambassador Andrew Jacovides (23 February 2007).

21. Under article 2, Annex VII to the Convention, a list of arbitrators shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate four arbitrators, each of whom shall be a person experienced in maritime affairs and enjoying the highest reputation for fairness, competence and integrity. The names of the persons so nominated shall constitute the list. If at any time the arbitrators nominated by a State Party in the list so constituted shall be fewer than four, that State Party shall be entitled to make further nominations as necessary. The name of an arbitrator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such arbitrator shall continue to serve on any arbitral tribunal to which that arbitrator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that arbitral tribunal.

22. The official information regarding the list of arbitrators is available at the web site of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations at:

<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/partI/chapterXXI/treaty6.asp>.

23. A list of arbitrators is also posted on the web site of the Division at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/settlement_of_disputes/conciliators_arbitrators.htm.

4. List of experts for the purposes of article 2 of Annex VIII (Special Arbitration) to the Convention

24. Article 2 of Annex VIII reads as follows:

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29. In this connection, it should be noted that the deposit of charts or of lists of geographical coordinates of points with the Secretary-General of the United Nations is an international act by a State party to the Convention in order to conform with the deposit obligations referred to above, after the entry into force of the Convention. This act is addressed to the Secretary-General in the form of a note verbale or a letter by the Permanent Representative to the

A. Communications addressed to States Parties
for the purpose of assisting them to comply
with their deposit and due publicity obligations under the Convention

36. Upon a State becoming a State Party to the Convention, the Division informs the State concerned of the deposit and due publicity obligations pursuant to the Convention with which that State must comply.

37. During the period between November 2006 and April 2007, the Division transmitted the following notes verbales to the States Parties indicated, recalling the deposit and due publicity obligations and offering its assistance with a view to ensuring compliance:

(a) Notes verbales MZ/SP/59 and MZ/SP/60 addressed to Niue and the Republic of Montenegro, respectively, requesting the submission of charts or lists of geographical coordinates of baselines and various maritime limits pursuant to articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), and 84(2);

(b) Notes verbales TS/IP/SP/59 and TS/IP/SP/60, addressed to Niue and the Republic of Montenegro, respectively, requesting the submission of laws and regulations relating to innocent passage through the territorial sea pursuant to article 21(3).

B. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations

38. From November 2006 to April 2007, no charts or lists of geographical coordinates of points were deposited with the Secretary-General. Th

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III. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS REGARDING OUTER LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINES

A. Outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines

Submission made by Norway to the Commission

45. On 27 November 2006, **Norway** made a submission, through the Secretary-General, to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Norway on 24 July 1996.

46. According to the submitting State: "[t]he present submission deals only with the outer limits of the continental shelf in these three areas. A further submission may be made in respect of other areas."

47. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, a communication was 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 submission, as well as all charts and coordinates contained in that summary.

48. The consideration of the submission made by Norway was included in the provisional agenda of the nineteenth session of the Commission held in New York from 5 March to 13 April 2007. Upon completion of the consideration of the joint partial submission, the Commission shall make recommendations to these States pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

Continental Shelf Notifications

49. "Continental Shelf Notifications" are 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 submission made by a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. From November 2006 to April 2007, the Division has circulated one continental shelf notification, as follows:

Continental Shelf Notification (CLCS.07.2006.LOS of 4 December 2006¹) regarding the receipt of the submission made by **Norway** to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

50. The text of the above-mentioned continental shelf notification is reproduced in the Annex to this publication.

¹ Reissued on 21 December 2006, for technical reasons.

B. Communications from States in response to notes verbales
from the Secretary-General informing about submissions

51. From November 2006 to April 2007, four communications were received with reference to Continental Shelf Notification CLCS.07.2006.LOS from the Secretary-General informing about the submission by **Norway** as follows: Note verbale dated 24 January 2007 from **Denmark**

ANNEX
CONTINENTAL SHELF NOTIFICATIONS

NORWAY
CLCS. 07. 2006.LOS
(Continental Shelf Notification)
21 December 2006¹

Receipt of the submission made by Norway
to the Commission on the Limits
of the Continental Shelf

On 27 November 2006, Norway submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with