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The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs) and has the honour to recall its objection to Portugal's submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in note verbale No. 381 AV/ot of 10 June 2009 (copy enclosed).

In that regard, it should be noted that while the Portuguese Government wishes the United Nations to recognize its exclusive economic zone and continental shelf in 2015 and to include the Ilhas Selvagens in both of them, Spain does not agree that the Ilhas Selvagens in any way give rise to an exclusive economic zone. It does, however, agree that they give rise to a territorial sea as it considers them to be rocks, which have the right only to a territorial sea.

Spain also reiterates its previous objection, whereby it refused its consent to any delimitation of exclusive economic zones between Madeira and the Canary Islands.

The Permanent Mission of Spain takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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