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Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform him that the Russian Federation, with reference to the submission of Australia to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (notification No. CLCS.03.2004.LOS of 15 November 2004), wishes to convey the following information.

Based on the provisions of article 4 of the Antarctic Treaty of 1959, the Russian Federation does not recognize any claims in relation to territories located in the area covered by the Treaty, nor does it regard the assertion of such claims by any State as establishing rights with respect to the seabed (continental shelf) and its mineral resources in areas appurtenant to Antarctica.

In this connection, the Russian Federation takes note of and supports the request by Australia that the Commission should not take any action with regard to the part of its submission that relates to the seabed (continental shelf) appurtenant to Antarctica in the area covered by the Antarctic Treaty of 1959.

The Russian Federation requests that this note should be posted on the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Secretariat of the United Nations and brought to the attention of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.

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

New York, 9 December 2004

The Secretary-General of the United Nations
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