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I. INFORMATION RELATING TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA OF 1982, THE AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PART XI OF THE CONVENTION AND THE 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

A. Status of the Convention and of the Agreements as at 30 April 2008

1. From November 2007 to April 2008, there were no additional ratifications of or accessions to the Convention. Thus, as at 30 April 2008, there were 155 Parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
2. From November 2007 to April 2008, no additional States expressed their consent to be bound by the Agreement on Part XI. Thus, as at 30 April 2008, there were 131 parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
3. From November 2007 to April 2008, on 1 February 2008, the **Republic of Korea** ratified, and, on 26 March 2008, **the Republic of Palau**, 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. Thus, as at 30 April 2008, there were 69 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: [http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention\\_agreements/convention\\_treaties.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/convention_treaties.htm)

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1. Settlement of disputes mechanism under the Convention:  
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(a) List of conciliators

17. From November 2007 to April 2008, one State – **Austria** - nominated conciliators. It is recalled that, under article 2 Annex V to the Convention, a list of conciliators shall be drawn up and maintained by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Every State Party shall be entitled to nominate four conciliators, each of whom shall be a person 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 conciliators 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 a conciliator shall remain on the list until withdrawn by the State Party which made the nomination, provided that such conciliator shall continue to serve on any conciliation commission to which that conciliator has been appointed until the completion of the proceedings before that commission.

18. The official information regarding the list of conciliators 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>.

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

(b) List of arbitrators

20. From November 2007 to April 2008, one State – **Austria** - nominated arbitrators. It is recalled that, 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.

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

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## II. OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT AND DUE PUBLICITY

26. Coastal States, under article 16, paragraph 2, article 47, paragraph 9, article 75, paragraph 2, and article 84, paragraph 2, of the Convention, are required to deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations charts showing straight baselines and archipelagic baselines as well as the outer limits of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf; alternatively, the lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the geodetic datum, may be substituted. Coastal States are also required to give due publicity to all these charts and lists

separation schemes (TSS) in rules 1 (d) and 10 of Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREG). Guidelines and criteria developed by IMO for the adoption of routing measures are contained in the IMO General Provisions on Ship's Routing (IMO Assembly resolution A.572 (14), as amended). These measures include traffic separation schemes (TSS), two-way routes, recommended tracks, areas to be avoided, inshore traffic zones, roundabouts, precautionary areas and deep-water routes. Information on recent new and amended traffic separation schemes and other routing measures are published by the IMO Secretariat in Safety of Navigation Circulars and COLREG (Collision Regulations) Circulars and are available on the IMO web site at <http://www.imo.org/home.asp>, under selection "Circulars", sub-items "COLREG (Collision Regulations)" and "SN (Safety of Navigation)".

33. Furthermore, concerning due publicity, article 25, paragraph 3, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 stipulates that a coastal State may, without discrimination in form or in fact among foreign ships, suspend temporarily, in specified areas of its territorial sea the innocent passage of foreign ships if such suspension is essential for the protection of its security, including weapons exercises. Such suspension takes effect, according to the same article, only after having been duly published.

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

34. Upon a coastal 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.

35. During the period between November 2007 and April 2008, there were no ratifications or accessions to the Convention by coastal States. Consequently, no communica

- b. Maritime Zone Notification M.Z.N.61.2008.LOS of 14 March 2008 concerning the deposit by **Japan** pursuant to article 16(2) of the Convention, of charts concerning straight baselines and outer limits of the territorial sea and of a list of geographical coordinates of points as contained in the Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.

37. All lists of deposited geographical coordinates may be consulted at the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat.

38. The *Law of the Sea Information Circular* reproduces the texts of Maritime Zone Notifications (Annex I to this publication). Recapitulative information on submissions by States Parties in compliance with their deposit obligations is available at the web site of the Division at:

<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/depositpublicity.htm>.

C. Submissions by States Parties in compliance with their due publicity obligations

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 Mexico to the Commission

43. On 13 December 2007, **Mexico** submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in

B. Communications from States in relation to Continental Shelf Notifications from the Secretary-General informing about submissions to the Commission

49. From November 2007 to April 2008, one communication dated 8 April 2008 was received from **Tonga** with reference to the submission by **New Zealand** of 19 April 2006 (CLCS. 05. 2006. LOS and CLCS.05.2006.Corr.1.LOS). This communication was provided to the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf at its twenty-first session, 17 March – 18 April 2008, and is being circulated to Member States of the United Nations as well as States Parties to the Convention (CLCS.05.2006.LOS/TON of 30 April 2008). The texts of all communications are posted on the web site of the Division at:

[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs\\_new/clcs\\_home.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs_new/clcs_home.htm).

**ANNEX I**



World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72) datum).

The lists of geographical coordinates, as deposited by Fiji, are available on the web site of the United Nations at [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los) and may also be consulted at the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0450,

**JAPAN**  
**M.Z.N. 61. 2008. LOS**  
**(Maritime Zone Notification) 14 March 2008**

Deposit by Japan of charts and lists of geographical  
coordinates of points, pursuant to article 16,  
paragraph 2, of the Convention

The Secretary-General of the United Nations  
communicates the following:

On 14 March 2008, Japan deposited with the  
Secretary-General, pursuant to article 16, paragraph  
2, of the Convention, charts and a list of geographical  
coordinates of points concerning straight baselines  
and outer limits of the territorial sea, as follows:

(1) Charts:

- Chart No. W3 - Hokkaido and Approaches - Scale  
1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 7 September 2006;
- Chart No. W10 - Tsugaru Kaikyo - Scale 1:250000  
(Lat 35°) – 1 November 2007;
- Chart No. W11 - Skakotan Misaki to Matsumae Ko  
- Scale 1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 17 July 2003;
- Chart No. W28 - Mashike Ko to Iwanai Ko - Scale  
1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 26 June 2003;
- Chart No. W42 - Kunasiri To and Approaches -  
Scale 1:300000 (Lat 35°) - 20 April 2006;
- Chart No. W45 - Etorofu To - Scale 1:300000 (Lat  
35°) – 11 May 2006;
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- Chart No. W87 - Tokyo Wan to Inubo Saki - Scale  
1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 15 July 2004;

- Chart No. W93 - Daio Saki to Shio-No-Misaki -  
Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;

- Chart No. W108 - Muroto Saki to Ashizuri Misaki -  
Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 2 August 2007;

- Chart No. W120 - Noto Hanto and Approaches -  
Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;

- Chart No. W139 - Tottori Ko to Fukui Ko - Scale  
1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;

- Chart No. W145 - Niigata Ko to Oga Hanto - Scale  
1:250000 (Lat 35°) - 31 July 2003;

- Chart No. W146 - Suzu Misaki to Nyudo Saki -  
Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 8 June 2006;

- Chart No. W149 - Tsuno Shima to Taisha Ko -  
Scale 1:200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 December 2007;

- Chart No. W159 - Hi-No-Misaki to Suzu Misaki -  
Scale 1:500000 (Lat 35°) - 1 February 2007;

- Chart No. W162 - Western Part of Japan Sea - Scale  
1:1200000 (Lat 35°) - 28 Febri20012;;

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- Chart No. W226 - Okinawa Gunto - Scale 1:200000  
(Lat 35°) – 21 February 2002;

- Chart No. W1009 - Nippon and the Adjacent Seas -

(2) List of geographical coordinates of points as contained in the Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone (Cabinet Order No. 210 of 1977, as amended by Cabinet Order No. 383 of 1993, Cabinet Order No. 206 of 1996 and Cabinet Order No.434 of 2001);

The charts and the list of geographical coordinates of points lists are referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84).

The Enforcement Order of the Law on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone will be published in the Law of the Sea Bulletin no. 66 and on the web site of the Division [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los). The charts may be consulted at the Secretariat of the United Nations (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, DC2-0450, telephone: (212) 963-3962 or fax: (212) 963-5847)

- Carte marine W1172 - « Taisha Ko to Tottori Ko» - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 6 décembre 2007;

- Carte marine W1180 - « Sado Kaikyo and Approaches » - Echelle 1/200000 (Lat 35°) - 11 mai

**ANNEX II**  
**CONTINENTAL SHELF NOTIFICATIONS**

**MEXICO****CLCS. 09. 2007. LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) 17 December 2007**Receipt of the submission made by Mexico to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

On 13 December 2007, Mexico submitted to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in respect of the western polygon in the Gulf of Mexico.

It is noted that the Convention entered into force for Mexico on 16 November 1994.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, the present communication is 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, including all charts and coordinates contained in that summary. The executive summary of the submission is available through the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).

The consideration of the partial submission of Mexico shall be included in the provisional agenda of the twenty-first session of the Commission scheduled to be held in New York from 17 March to 18 April 2008.

Upon completion of the consideration of the submission, the Commission shall make recommendations pursuant to article 76 of the Convention.

**MEXIQUE****CLCS. 09. 2007. LOS (Notification plateau continental) 17 décembre 2007**Réception de la demande présentée par le Mexique à la Commission des limites du plateau continental

Le 13 décembre 2007, le Mexique a soumis une demande à la Commission des limites du plateau continental conformément au paragraphe 8 de l'article 76 de la Convention. La demande comprend des informations sur les limites extérieures du plateau continental s'étendant au-delà de 200 milles marins des lignes de base à partir desquelles est mesurée la

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