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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his communication number OLC/3/59/2009/EGS (Continental Shelf Notification) dated 11 May 2009, acknowledging receipt of the submission made on 7 May 2009 by the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in accordance with Article 76, paragraph 2 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), has the honour to submit the following comments by the Government of the Republic of Ghana.

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, Ghana wishes to indicate that it has no objection to the submission made by Nigeria which shall be without prejudice to the final delimitation of the boundary between Ghana and Nigeria, and that the actions and recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf shall not prejudice matters relating to the future final delimitation of the boundary between Ghana and Nigeria.

Furthermore, the present no-objection notification by Ghana to the submission of Nigeria is being communicated on the basis of the understanding reached at a meeting held in Accra from 24 to 26 February 2009, under the auspices of the ECOWAS Commission, of representatives of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire,

African States (ECOWAS) - at which the five ECOWAS member States reached a common understanding that *issues of the limit of adjacent/opposite boundaries shall continue to be discussed in a spirit of cooperation to arrive at*

a definite delimitation, even after the presentation of the preliminary
information commission member states within a certain time of objection
note to the submission of their delimitations

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Ghana to the United Nations ...

avails itself of this opportunity to request the Secretary-General to ...
kindly the assurances of his highest consideration.

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