

Although this statement is not to be found in the executive summary of the amended submission, published on 14 April 2023,

Therefore, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reserves all its rights under international law, including making future objections or observations to the amended submission of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela expresses its surprise and concern at the fact that at no time was it consulted by the authorities of the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago about the submission dated 14 April 2023.

Where there is an agreement in force between the States concerned, questions relating to the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of that agreement.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, in view of the foregoing and in consideration of the relevant rules of procedure of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, objects to the submission made by the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and also opposes consideration or endorsement by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf of the information submitted.

I have the honour to request that this note be circulated to the members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, and to the States Members of the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Yvan **Gil**
Minister
