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## FOREWORD

This is the twenty-ninth issue of the Law of the Sea Information Circular, a periodic publication of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat. Its main objective is to communicate to all States and entities information on actions taken by States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (the Convention) in implementing the Convention, in particular regarding the deposit obligation, as well as to report on activities undertaken by DOALOS in this respect.

The purpose of LOSIC is also to assist States Parties to the Convention in discharging their obligations to give due publicity to information in accordance with the Convention: Coastal States are obliged, *inter alia*, to give due publicity with regard to (i) charts and lists of geographical coordinates (articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2), 76(9) and 84(2)); (ii) laws and regulations relating to innocent passage (article 21(3)); and (iii) laws and regulations relating to transit passage through straits used for international navigation adopted by States bordering straits (article 42(3)).

## NOTE LIMINAIRE

La présente Circulaire d'information sur le droit de la mer constitue la vingt-neuvième publication d'une série établie par la Division des affaires maritimes et du droit de la mer du Bureau des affaires juridiques du Secrétariat de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Elle a pour objet principal d'informer les États et entités des mesures prises par les États Parties à la Convention des Nations Unies sur le droit de la mer (la Convention) pour donner effet à ses dispositions, en particulier concernant les obligations de dépôt, et de faire rapport aux États et entités des activités menées par la Division dans le même but.

La Circulaire a également pour objet d'aider les Parties à la Convention à satisfaire de l'obligation que leur fait celle-ci de donner la publicité voulue aux informations pertinentes. Ceci revêt une importance particulière pour les États côtiers qui, en vertu de la Convention, sont tenus de donner la publicité voulue aux i) cartes marines et listes de coordonnées géographiques (article 16, paragraphe 2; article 47, paragraphe 9; article 75, paragraphe 2; article 76, paragraphe 9; et article 84, paragraphe 2); ii) lois et règlements sur le passage inoffensif (article 21, paragraphe 3); et iii) lois et règlements des États riverains de détroits relatifs au passage en transit dans les détroits servant à la navigation internationale (article 42, paragraphe 3).

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2. From November 2008 to June 2009, one State ...  
Switzerland - expressed its consent to be bound by the Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the Convention on 1 May 2009. Thus, as at 30 June 2009, there were 136 parties to that Agreement, including the European Community.
3. From November 2008 to June 2009, four States 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: Slovakia on 6 November 2008, Mozambique on 10 December 2008, Panama on 16 December 2008 and Tuvalu on 2 February 2009. Thus, as at 30 y fish stocks:

B. Declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement D. Déclarations faites conformément aux articles 287, 298 et 310 de la Convention et aux articles 30, 43 et 47 de l'Accord de 1995 sur les stocks de poissons

6. From November 2008 to June 2009, the following States made declarations or statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement: Gabon, Hungary, Slovakia, and Trinidad and Tobago.

6. Entre novembre 2008 et juin 2009, les États suivants ont fait des déclarations conformément aux articles 287, 298 et 310 de la Convention et aux articles 30, 43 et 47 de l'Accord de 1995 sur les stocks de poissons:

7. Official information regarding the declarations and statements under articles 287, 298 and 310 of the Convention and under articles 30, 43 and 47 of the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement is available on the website of the Treaty Section at:

<http://treaties.un.org/PageViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&id=458&chapter=21&lang=en>

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8. The text of these declarations is also published in the Law of the Sea Bulletin



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## II. OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT AND DUE PUBLICITY

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### OBLIGATIONS DE DÉPÔT ET DE PUBLICITÉ VOULUE

23. 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 of geographical coordinates. Furthermore, under article 76, paragraph 9, coastal States are required to deposit with the Secretary-General charts and relevant information permanently describing the outer limits of the continental shelf extending beyond 200 nautical miles. In this case, due publicity is to be given by the Secretary-General. Together with the submission of their charts and/or lists of geographical coordinates, States Parties are required to provide appropriate information regarding original geodetic datum.

24. In this connection, it should be noted that the deposit of charts or of lists of geographical coordinates of points with the Secretary-General of the United Nations is an international act by a State Party to the Convention in order to conform with the deposit obligations referred to above, after the entry into force of the Convention. This act is addressed to the Secretary-General in the form of a note.

25. In resolution 63/111 of 5 December 2008, the General Assembly once again encouraged States Parties to the Convention to deposit with the Secretary-General such

A. Communications addressed to States Parties for the purpose of assisting them to comply with

(e) Maritime Zone Notification M.Z.N.68.2009.LOS of 31 March 2009 concerning the deposit by Seychelles, pursuant to articles 16(2), 47(9), 75(2) and 84(2) of the Convention, of lists of geographical coordinates of points, specifying the geodetic datum, (1) identifying normal and archipelagic baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured; and (2) defining the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf;

(f) Maritime Zone Notification M.Z.N.69.2009.LOS of 21 April 2009 concerning the deposit by the Philippines, pursuant to article 47(9) of the Convention, of a list of geographical coordinates of points defining the archipelagic baselines of the Philippines;

(g) Maritime Zone Notification M.Z.N.70.2009.LOS of 8 June 2009 concerning the deposit by Seychelles pursuant to articles 16(2) and 47(9) of the Convention, of an amended list of geographical coordinates of points defining the archipelagic baselines of the Seychelles;

C. Submissions by States Parties compliance with their due publicity obligations C. Communications par les États Parties pour s'acquitter de

35. From November 2008 to June 2009, no State transmitted to the Secretariat a copy of laws and regulations to which States Parties should give due publicity, as required by articles 21 and 42 of the Convention.

36. Recapitulative information regarding past submissions by States Parties in compliance with their publicity obligations as required by articles 21 and 42 of the Convention is available on the website of the Division at:  
<http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/dupublicity.htm>.



### III. INFORMATION ON OTHER ACTIONS TAKEN BY STATES

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#### INFORMATIONS CONCERNANT D'AUTRES ACTIVITÉS ENTREPRISES PAR LES ÉTATS

##### Communications received by the Secretary-General

39. In connection with the deposit by Mauritius (see MZN.63.2008.LOS), the Secretary-General received, on 20 March 2009, a communication from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dated 19 March 2009. In respect of the latter as well as the deposit by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (M.Z.N. 46. 2004. LOS of 12 March 2004) the Secretary-General received, on 9 June 2009, a communication from Mauritius. The texts of the above-mentioned communications are available at: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/STATEFILES/MUS.htm>.

40. In connection with the deposit by the Philippines (see MZN.69.2009.LOS), the Secretary-General received, on 13 April 2009, a communication from China dated 13 April 2009 and, on 8 May 2009, a communication from Viet Nam dated 8 May 2009.

41. The texts of the above-mentioned communications are available at: <http://www.un.org/Depts/los/LEGISLATIONANDTREATIES/STATEFILES/PHL.htm>

##### Communications reçues par le Secrétaire général

39. Le 20 mars 2009, le Secrétaire général a reçu une communication du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord en date du 19 mars 2009

IV. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS REGARDING OUTER LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASELINES



prejudice Nauru's inherent right as an equal and sovereign member of the international community, a coastal State, and especially as a small island developing State, to assess a potential claim on an extended continental shelf at a future point in time.

2. Continental Shelf Notifications and other communications circulated by the Secretary-General

47. "Continental Shelf Notifications" have been 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 made by a coastal State to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention. From November 2008 to June 2009, the Division has circulated the following continental shelf notifications:

€ Continental Shelf Notification  
(CLCS.13.2008.LOS of 13 November 2008)  
regarding the receipt of the submission made by





Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental  
Shelf;

€ Continental Shelf Notification  
(CLCS.46.2009.LOS of 14 May 2009) regarding the  
receipt of the submission made by





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€ A communication dated 10 June 2009 from Spain in relation to the submission by Portugal (see CLCS.44.2009.LOS of 14 May 2009);

€ A communication dated 29 June 2009 from New Zealand in relation to the submission by Tonga (see CLCS.46.2009.LOS of 14 May 2009);

€ A communication dated 30 June 2009 from the United States of America in relation to the submission by Cuba (see CLCS.51.2009.LOS of 8 June 2009);

€ Communications dated 16 May 2009 and 26 May 2009 from Morocco have also been received in relation to the preliminary information submitted, respectively, by Spain and Mauritania.

51. The texts of the above-mentioned communications are available at:  
[http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs\\_new/clcs\\_home.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/clcs_new/clcs_home.htm)

52. The Secretariat also informed the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf accordingly.

€ Une communication datée du 10 juin 2009 de l'Espagne