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The Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority (the Authority) and has the honour to refer to the Secretary-General's note no. ISA/OLA/2023/016 dated 27 January 2023 inviting all coastal States to submit to the Secretary-General of the Authority such charts, or lists, or geographical coordinates as referred to in article 84 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (the Convention).

The Permanent Mission has the honour to recall that on 22 August 2008 the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (the Commission) adopted recommendations regarding New Zealand's partial submission to the Commission. The Permanent Mission further wishes to inform the Secretary-General that on 13 September 2018 by the enclosed Order in Council under the Continental Shelf Act 1964, New Zealand formally established the outer limits of its continental shelf in our national law. These outer limits are established in accordance with the recommendations adopted by the Commission on 22 August 2008 in respect of New Zealand's partial submission.

The Permanent Mission has the further honour to deposit the relevant information to the Secretary-General of the Authority permanently describing the outer limits of its continental shelf pursuant to article 84 paragraph 2 of the Convention.

The Permanent Mission recalls that according to article 76 of the Convention the limits of the continental shelf established by a coastal state on the basis of the Commission's recommendations shall be final and binding. In this regard, the Permanent Mission wishes to note that it established the outer limits of its continental shelf without prejudice to the outcome of future continental shelf delimitation negotiations in the South Fiji Basin, with Fiji and the Kingdom of Tonga, and possibly France (in respect of New Caledonia) in the area of the Three Kings Ridge.

The Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority the assurances of its highest consideration.

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