



The Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic
Office of the Prime Minister

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Excellency,

With reference to article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"), and article 4 of its Annex II, as well as the decisions of the eleventh and eighteenth Meetings of States Parties contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a), and SPLOS/183, paragraph 1 (a), respectively, the Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic has the honour to submit to the Secretary-General of the United Nations preliminary information indicative of the outer limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles and a description of the status of preparation and intended date of making a submission in accordance with the requirements of article 76 of the Convention and with the Rules of Procedure and the Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

The present submission is made in accordance with SPLOS/183, paragraph 1 (a). Its purpose is to ensure that Somalia satisfies the time period referred to in article 4 of Annex II to the Convention and the decision contained in SPLOS/72. The present submission is without prejudice to the future submission to be made by Somalia in accordance with the requirements of article 76 of the Convention and with the Rules of Procedure and the Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission, and the future consideration by the Commission.

The data provided in the present submission show that Somalia passes the test of appurtenance as described in the Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the Commission. The location of eight Foot of the Slope Points (FOS-Points) identified on the Somali continental slope makes it clear that Somalia's continental shelf extends beyond 200 nautical miles from the normal baselines. In accordance with SPLOS/183, paragraph 1 (d), it is requested that the Secretary-General inform the Commission and notify member states of the receipt from Somalia of preliminary information in accordance with SPLOS/183, paragraph 1 (a), and make this information publicly available, including on the website of the Commission.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of my highest considerations.

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The Prime Minister



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