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Deposit by Mexico,  
pursuant to article 76, paragraph 9, of the Convention,  
of charts and relevant information, including geodetic data,  
permanently describing the outer limits of its continental shelf

The Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following.

On 20 May 2009, Mexico deposited with the Secretary-General, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 9, of the Convention, a chart and relevant information, including geodetic data, permanently describing the outer limits of its continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured in respect of the western polygon in the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the coastal State, “the outer limit of the continental shelf of Mexico in the western area of the Gulf of Mexico beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured is established in conformity with the recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and [is] in concordance with the ‘Treaty between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the United States of America on the delimitation of the continental shelf in the western Gulf of Mexico beyond 200 nautical miles’, signed on 9 July 2000.”

The chart is referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) and the corresponding list of geographical coordinates of points is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD-83) and ITRF92.

It is noted that, on 31 March 2009, the Commission adopted the “*Recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in regard to the Submission made by Mexico in respect of the Western Polygon in the Gulf of Mexico on 13 December 2007*”. The summary of these Recommendations is available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).

It is also noted that, pursuant to article 76, paragraph 8, of the Convention, “[t]he limits of the shelf established by a coastal State on the basis of [the] recommendations shall be final and binding.”

The charts and relevant information, including geodetic data, permanently describing the outer limits of the continental shelf, as deposited by Mexico, are being given due publicity through the website of the Division at: [www.un.org/Depts/los](http://www.un.org/Depts/los).

