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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Russian Federation and, further to latter's diplomatic notes No. 4642/1, dated 16 May 2014, and No. 1258, dated 12 June 2014, would like to make the following observations.

The Netherlands welcomes the fact that the Russian Federation has transferred custody of the vessel the 'Arctic Sunrise' to the representatives of the owner and that the vessel has been able to leave the maritime areas under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation. Notwithstanding the release of the vessel and its crew, the dispute has yet not been fully resolved. In this respect, the Netherlands would like to refer to the terms in its Statement of Claim of 4 October 2013, by which it submitted the dispute to arbitration under Annex VII to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Netherlands reaffirms that it remains open to further efforts to resolve the dispute amicably, in particular with the aim of preventing similar incidents in the future.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Hague, 26 August 2014

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