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The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, presents his compliments to all member and non-member States and wishes to bring to their attention that under Article 16 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, States are required to deposit copies of charts or lists of geographical coordinates showing baselines, for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea determined in accordance with Articles 7, 9 and 10, or the limits derived therefrom and the lines of delimitation drawn in accordance with Articles 12 and 15.

Although the Convention on the Law of the Sea has not yet entered into force, the Secretary-General has already begun receiving such information from States. It seems indeed desirable that States should already as of now deposit copies of such charts or lists of geographical coordinates with the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if member and non-member States which have not yet done so, could deposit copies of such charts or lists of geographical coordinates, if available, with the Secretary-General.

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