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**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf:
information reported by the Chair of the Commission**

Letter dated 13 April 2020 from the Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf addressed to the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties

Addendum

Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Further to my letter dated 13 April 2020 ([SPLOS/30/10](#)) and the addendum dated 7 May 2020 ([SPLOS/30/10/Add.1](#)), the present addendum is to inform States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea that, in the light of the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf has conducted an assessment of the feasibility of advancing the work of the Commission and its subcommissions by other means. In this regard, the Commission has decided to: (a) postpone the fifty-third session¹ to yet-to-be-determined dates owing to issues related to, inter alia, time zone differences, the privacy and security of virtual deliberations of the subcommissions, and remote data-sharing; and (b) continue to assess the feasibility of advancing the work of the Commission and its subcommissions by other means, including possibilities for secure online deliberations on submission material and of defraying the cost related to online work by members from developing States, as needed, with a view to the potential need for remote work in the context of the sessions of the Commission, should the COVID-19 pandemic continue.

(Signed) Adnan Rashid Nasser **Al-Azri**
Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

* [SPLOS/30/L.1/Rev.1](#).

¹ The convening of that session in New York from 6 July to 21 August 2020, with full conference services, including documentation, for the plenary parts of the session, was approved in paragraph 109 of General Assembly resolution [74/19](#).

