

## **Process of Consideration of Submissions of Coastal States**

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### **Abstract**

To consider the scientific and technical data submitted by coastal States concerning the outer limits of the continental shelf and to make recommendations in accordance with article 76 of the Convention are the principal tasks of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) as written in the Annex II of the Convention. The Annex II of the Convention further describes the establishment of sub-commissions composed of seven members to facilitate the consideration of the submissions and to prepare recommendations to be submitted to the Commission for final consideration of the recommendations. The Commission made Rules of Procedures to further clarify the procedures of the consideration of the submissions. Here at first the author will introduce the outline of the procedures of process of the consideration written in the Convention and Rules of Procedures. Then the author will discuss the effectiveness or functionality of the procedures with its personal capacity which is nothing related to the thoughts of the Commission at large. It is well known that the Commission is supposed to face overwhelming number of submissions of the coastal states before the deadline of 2009. There have been exchanges of

ideas between the State Parties of the Law of the Sea (SPLOS) and the Commission on how to solve the difficulties that the Commission may face in coming years. The author will introduce some of the ideas raised through the exchange for the consideration of the current seminar.