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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States and wishes to refer to the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States on the delimitation of the continental shelf in the Western Gulf of Mexico beyond 200 nautical miles, signed at Washington, June 9, 2000 (the Treaty).

In view of the fact that the ten-year period provided in Article IV, Paragraph 1, of the Treaty will expire in January 2011, the Embassy proposes that, pursuant to Article IV, Paragraph 3, of the Treaty, the period provided in Article IV, Paragraph 1, of the Treaty be extended for three years from January 17, 2011 until January 17, 2014, without prejudice to any further extension at the end of the three-year period.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the United

Mexican States, the Embassy further proposes that this Note and the

Secretariat's Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the two

governments, which shall enter into force on the date of the Secretariat's Note in reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of Foreign Relations of the United Mexican States the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Mexico, D.F., June 22, 2010.

Tt 3 The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Mexico and has the honor to refer to its Note No. 1655 dated on June 22, 2010, regarding 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 at Washington, June 9, 2000 (the Treaty).

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The Ministry has the honor to inform the Embassy the agreement of the Government of the United Mexican States to the proposal of the Government of the United States of America of extending the ten-year period provided in Article IV, Paragraph 1 of the Treaty, for three years from January 17, 2011 until January 17, 2014, pursuant to Article IV, Paragraph 3 of the Treaty, without prejudice to any further extension at the end of the three-year period.

Therefore, the Embassy's Note of proposal and this Note of replay constitute an agreement between the Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the United States of America, which shall become effective on the date of this Note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America, the assurances of its highest consideration.

México, D. F., a 22 de junio de 2010.