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**CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND  
200 MILES**

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**Background Notes**

- The continental shelf is a demanding subject
- States wanting to cope with its dimensions have to assemble new capacities, set up programs and finally submit to a scrutiny in the CLCS.
- Developing countries behind rules interpretations and adjustments.

## Background Notes

- Implementation of Article 76 and the effectiveness of the Convention. The emergence of developing countries in the CS implementing system
- Inherent sovereign rights of coastal States, the 10 years period to make submissions and the final delineation of the outer limit of a continental shelf beyond 200 miles

## Rules and Scientific and Technical Guidelines of the CLCS

- The CLCS has been relevant for the interpretation and implementation of Part VI.
- Given the definition of the CS as the seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas that extend beyond the territorial sea throughout the natural prolongation of the land territory to the outer edge of the continental margin, its implementation raises technical, scientific and legal elements.

## States Parties to UNCLOS

- Flexibility in the implementation of applicable rules
- 10 years period since 1999
- Preliminary other than partial submissions and compliance with technical and scientific requirements

## POLAR AREAS

### SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ARCTIC AND ANTARCTICA

Reasons for studying the subject