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Letter dated 24 January 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Oman dated 11 January 2023 and the letter annexed thereto dated 4 December 2022 from the Foreign Ministry of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General concerning the application of the straight baseline system to the coasts of the United Arab Emirates ([A/77/705](#)).

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a note verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates in response to the letter (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated to Member States and issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 75 (a).

(Signed) Lana **Nusseibeh**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 24 January 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

Note verbale from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Secretariat.

We write in reference to the letter dated 4 December 2022 from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman addressed to the Secretary-General contained in document [A/77/705](#). The United Arab Emirates categorically rejects the claim that the straight baselines it deposited with the Secretary-General on 28 July 2022 and 31 August 2022 are contrary to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and stresses that they entail all the legal effects guaranteed by the international law of the sea in its maritime areas in the Arabian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

The United Arab Emirates also rejects the claim that the State's straight baselines violate the border agreement concluded on 22 June 2022 between the United Arab Emirates and the Sultanate of Oman relating to the border sectors from east of Uqaydat to Darah.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates considers the present note to be an official document and asks the Secretariat to publish and circulate it in accordance with United Nations procedures.

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.
