

**COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 76 OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONVENTION (LOSC) 1982: A BURDEN FOR DEVELOPING STATES?
– AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE.**

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Abstract

In order to achieve certainty in the demarcation of the seabed beyond national jurisdiction (the Area) the UNCLOS 1982 imposes an obligation on all broad shelf States to submit data and information in respect of their Continental Shelf (CS) beyond 200 nautical miles to the CLCS. However, due to the complexities and enormous expense involved in the preparation of the submission a number of developing States, including those from Africa, have had difficulties in complying with their obligation under Article 76 of UNCLOS. This paper would seek to explore the problems faced by African developing States in complying with Article 76, the position of the African Union (AU) on this and would put forward suggestions on what may be done to ameliorate the burden of these States.