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France
and
Kiribati

Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati concerning the delimitation of a boundary line between the exclusive economic zone around French Polynesia and the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Kiribati (with map). Tarawa, 18 December 2002
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Accord entre le Gouvernement de la Rkpublique franqaise et le Gouvernement de la Republique de Kiribati, relatif A 1'6tablissement d'une ligne de d6limitation entre
la zone economique exclusive entourant la Polynksie frangaise et la zone 6conomique exclusive de la Republique de Kiribati (avec carte). Tarawa, 18 d6cembre 2002

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[ENGLISH TEXT - TEXTE ANGLAIS]

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUB-LIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI CON-CERNING THE DELIMITATION OF A BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE AROUND FRENCH POLYNESIA AND THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KI-RIBATI

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Kiri-bati,
Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness and friendship between the two States,

Recognising the need to effect a precise and equitable delimitation of the respective maritime areas in which the two States exercise sovereign rights,
Basing themselves on the rules and principles of international law applicable to the matter,
Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The delimitation line between the exclusive economic zone of the French Republic around the territory of French Polynesia and the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Kiribati shall be based on the line of equidistance. The line has been determined by using the nearest base points from which the territorial sea of each State is measured, in accor-dance with each State's national laws defining such base points and in conformity with in-ternational law.

Article 2

2.1 The line of delimitation referred to in Article 1 shall be formed by a series of geo-desics connecting in the order stated the points below defined by their geographical co-or-dinates

Latitude South Longitude West

1 120 29' 17.3" 1 1550 3' 9.3"

2 130 49' 51" 2 152 48' 33"

3 130 50' 18" 3 1510 3' 27"

4 120 25' 29" 4 1490 26' 10"

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5 110 58' 26" 5 1470 59' 32"

6 110 9' 32.8" 6 1470 2' 1.2"

2.2 The geographic co-ordinates aforementioned are expressed in terms of the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).
2.3 This line is drawn for illustrative purposes on the chart annexed to this Agreement.

Article 3

The line determined in paragraph 2.1 of Article 2 shall be the maritime boundary be-tween the areas referred to in Article I in which the Parties exercise, or will exercise, in accordance with international law, any sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

Article 4

Any dispute arising between the Parties with respect to the interpretation or the appli-cation of this agreement shall be resolved by peaceful means, in accordance with interna-tional law.

Article 5

The Parties may by consent review this agreement at a time and place mutually agreed
to.

Article 6

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
In witness thereof, the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed this agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.
Done at Tarawa the 18 December 2002 in two originals, each in the French and English languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the French Republic:

JEAN-PIERRE VIDON
Ambassador of France to Kiribati

For the Government of the Republic of Kiribati:

TEBURORO TITO

President of the Republic of Kiribati

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2.2. Les coordonn~es gographiques mentionn~es ci-dessus sont exprim~es dans le syst&me WGS 84 (World Geodetic system 1984).
2.3. Cette ligne a k6 trac~e aux fins d'illustration sur la carte

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