

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
CONCERNING THE DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES
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THE COOK ISLANDS
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

The Government of the Cook Islands and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati,

Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness and friendship between the Cook Islands and the Republic of Kiribati,

Recognising the need to effect a precise and equitable delimitation of the maritime boundaries between the Cook Islands and the Republic of Kiribati,

Recalling the rules and principles of relevant international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,

Have agreed as follows,

Article 1

The boundary between the exclusive economic zones and continental shelves of the Cook Islands and the Republic of Kiribati is a line of equidistance, determined by using the nearest baselines from which, in each case, the territorial sea is measured.

Article 2

1. The boundary between the exclusive economic zones and continental shelves of the Cook Islands and the Republic of Kiribati lies seaward of Penrhyn Island in the Cook Islands on the one hand and Starbuck, Vostok and Flint Islands in the Republic of Kiribati on the other hand, is the line formed by the geodesics joining the following geographical co-ordinates:

POINT ID	Latitude (South)	Longitude (West)
1.	05° 47' 28.32"	159° 17' 29.32"
2.	05° 48' 01.82"	159° 16' 32.84"
3.	06° 22' 39.85"	158° 23' 04.76"
4.	06° 33' 39.85"	158° 06' 03.28"
5.	06° 50' 09.53"	157° 39' 52.88"
6.	07° 02' 49.11"	157° 19' 34.08"
7.	07° 22' 48.32"	156° 46' 32.03"
8.	07° 55' 05.21"	155° 54' 35.54"
9.	08° 30' 30.12"	154° 54' 17.69"
10.	09° 13' 35.41"	155° 02' 23.87"
11.	09° 50' 40.75"	155° 09' 23.35"
12.	11° 00' 19.63"	155° 22' 34.06"
13.	11° 21' 34.89"	155° 26' 22.91"
14.	11° 22' 36.36"	155° 26' 34.31"

2. The geographical co-ordinates referred to in paragraph 1 are based on the World Geodetic System (WGS 84).

3. This line is depicted for illustrative purposes on the chart annexed to this Agreement.

Article 3

If any single accumulation or deposit of liquid hydrocarbon, natural gas, or other mineral extends across the maritime boundary line described in paragraph 1 of Article 2, and if one Party by exploiting that accumulation or deposit would withdraw, deplete, or draw down the portion of the accumulation or deposit that is on the other Party's side of the boundary line, then before the accumulation or deposit is exploited, the Parties shall consult with a view toward reaching an agreement on the manner in which the accumulation or deposit may be most effectively exploited and on the equitable sharing of the benefits from such exploitation.

Article 4

Each Party shall notify the other in writing of the completion of its domestic procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later of these notifications.

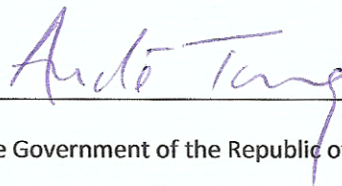
In witness thereof, the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at **Rarotonga, Cook Islands** on **Wednesday 29th August 2012.**



For the Government of the Cook Islands

Hon Henry Puna
Prime Minister



For the Government of the Republic of Kiribati

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