

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF NIUE
CONCERNING THE DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES
BETWEEN
THE COOK ISLANDS
AND
NIUE**

The Government of the Cook Islands and the Government of Niue,

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

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

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 Niue 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 Niue lies west of the Southern Cook Islands on the one hand and lies east of Niue on the other hand is the line formed by the geodesics joining the following geographical co-ordinates:

Point ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	17° 33' 19.11" S	166° 38' 27.61" W
2	17° 33' 20.78" S	166° 38' 28.89" W
3	17° 33' 26.15" S	166° 38' 28.09" W
4	17° 49' 50.13" S	166° 36' 00.54" W
5	17° 54' 08.89" S	166° 35' 21.61" W
6	18° 01' 46.91" S	166° 34' 12.28" W
7	18° 03' 12.14" S	166° 33' 58.10" W
8	18° 35' 12.31" S	166° 28' 36.90" W
9	18° 55' 46.11" S	166° 25' 09.44" W
10	19° 11' 47.92" S	166° 22' 26.87" W
11	19° 37' 54.55" S	166° 18' 00.53" W
12	19° 38' 53.72" S	166° 17' 50.28" W

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

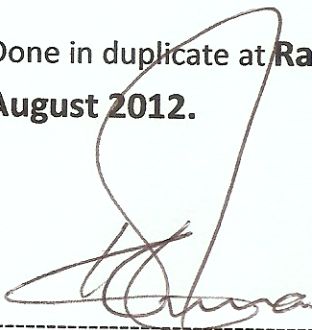
If any single accumulation or deposit of liquid hydrocarbon, natural gas, or other mineral extends across the maritime boundary line described in paragraph 1 of Article 2, and if one Party by exploiting that accumulation or deposit would withdraw, deplete, or draw down the portion of the accumulation 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

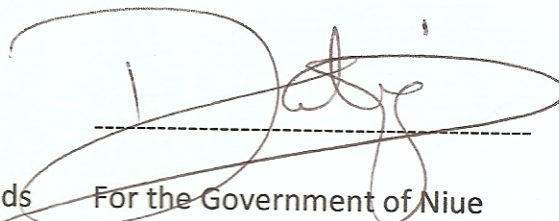
Each Party shall notify the other in writing of the completion of its domestic procedures required for the entry into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later of these notifications.

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 Niue
Hon Toke Talagi
Premier



Annex

