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Agreement on Marine Delimitation between the Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic, 4 January 1982

The Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic;

Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness and friendship between the two countries;

Recognizing 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 relevant international law and taking into account the work of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea;

Referring to the negotiations which took place in Canberra from 30 September to 2 October 1980 and to the Summary of Conclusions agreed upon by their two delegations on the second of October 1980;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. Seaward of Australian islands in the Coral Sea, Norfolk Island, and other Australian islands on the one hand and of New Caledonia, the Chesterfield Islands and other French islands on the other hand, the line of delimitation between the Australian fishing zone and the French Economic Zone and between areas of continental shelf over which each State respectively exercises sovereign rights in accordance with international law lies along the geodesics connecting the following points, defined by their co-ordinates, in the order stated:

Point	Latitude S	Longitude E
R 1	15° 44' 07"	158° 45' 39"
R 2	16° 25' 28"	158° 22' 49"
R 3	16° 34' 51"	158° 16' 26"
R 4	17° 30' 28"	157° 38' 31"
R 5	17° 54' 40"	157° 21' 59"
R 6	18° 32' 25"	156° 56' 44"
R 7	18° 55' 54"	156° 37' 29"
R 8	19° 17' 12"	156° 15' 20"
R 9	20° 08' 28"	156° 49' 34"
R 10	20° 32' 28"	157° 03' 09"
R 11	20° 42' 52"	157° 04' 34"
R 12	20° 53' 33"	157° 06' 25"
R 13	21° 12' 57"	157° 10' 17"
R 14	21° 47' 21"	157° 14' 36"
R 15	22° 10' 31"	157° 13' 04"
R 16	22° 31' 38"	157° 18' 43"
R 17	23° 14' 54"	157° 48' 04"
R 18	25° 08' 48"	158° 36' 39"
R 19	26° 26' 30"	163° 43' 30"
R 20	26° 12' 04"	165° 51' 37"
R 21	25° 50' 42"	168° 44' 18"

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R 22 25° 55' 51" 169° 25' 54"

The geographic co-ordinates referred to in this Article are expressed in terms of the World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72).

3. The line described above is shown on the chart (International Chart 602, entitled "Tasman and Coral Seas") annexed to this Agreement as Annex I.

Article 2

1. Seaward of Heard and McDonald Islands on the one hand and of Kerguelen Islands on the other hand, the line of delimitation between the Australian fishing zone and the French Economic Zone and between areas of continental shelf over which each State respectively exercises sovereign rights in accordance with international law lies along the geodesics connecting the following points, defined by their co-ordinates, in the order stated:

Point_	Latitude S	Longitude E
S 1	53° 14' 07"	67° 03' 20"
S 2	52° 42' 28"	68° 05' 31"
S 3	51° 58' 18"	69° 44' 02"
S 4	51° 24' 32"	71° 12' 29"
S 5	51° 03' 09"	72° 28' 28"
S 6	50° 54' 23"	72° 49' 21"
S 7	49° 49' 34"	75° 36' 08"
S 8	49° 24' 07"	76° 42' 17"

The geographic co-ordinates referred to in this Article are expressed in terms of the World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72).

3. The line described above is shown on the map annexed to this Agreement as Annex 2.

Article 3

1. The final point (Point R 22) of the line of delimitation referred to in Article 1 of this Agreement and the points at each end (Points S 1 and S 8) of the line of delimitation referred to in Article 2 of this Agreement shall not be taken as necessarily representing the position of either of the two Governments as to the outer edge of the continenal shelf.

2. If it becomes necessary to extend a line of delimitation referred to in Articles 1 or 2 of this Agreement for the purpose of further delimiting the continental shelf adjacent to Australian and French territory, that line shall be extended by agreement between the two Governments in accordance with international law.

Article 4

Subject to Article 3 of this Agreement the lines of delimitation described in Articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement shall be the boundaries between the zones over which the Parties exercise, or will exercise, in accordance with international law, any sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

Article 5

Any disagreement arising between the Parties with respect to the interpretation or the application of this Agreement shall be resolved by peaceful means in accordance with international law.

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Article 6

Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of its constitutional procedures necessary to bring this Agreement into force. This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of receipt of the later of those notifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed this Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Melbourne the fourth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, in two originals, each in the English and French languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.