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Exchange of Notes

between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark confirming the limits of the United Kingdom's Exclusive Economic Zone in the North Sea

Copenhagen, 22 October 2009

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*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
by Command of Her Majesty
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UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHER IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK
CONFIRMING THE LIMITS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S EXCLUSIVE
ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE NORTH SEA**

No. 1

*Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy, Copenhagen to the Royal Danish Ministry of
Foreign Affairs*

22 October 2009

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy presents its compliments to the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, acting upon instructions from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has the honour to state that, once the Marine and Coastal Access Bill currently before the United Kingdom Parliament becomes law, the United Kingdom is proposing to declare an Exclusive Economic Zone, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Government of the United Kingdom wishes to confirm that in the North Sea the limits of the United Kingdom's Exclusive Economic Zone will follow the boundary of the continental shelf between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United Kingdom, as set out in the Agreement dated 25 November 1971.¹

The Government of the United Kingdom has further the honour to propose that, following discussions between the respective experts of the two States, the boundary set out in the aforesaid Agreement will be expressed on WGS84 Datum and joined by geodesics, as follows:

1. 56°05'09.56"N 03°14'54.85"E
2. 55°55'06.96"N 03°20'54.88"E

The Government of the United Kingdom can confirm that the Norwegian and German authorities are content with this formulation on WGS84 Datum of points 1 and 2, respectively.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Government of the United Kingdom has the honour to suggest that the present Note Verbale and the Ministry's reply in the affirmative shall be regarded as constituting an Agreement between the two Governments.

¹ Treaty Series No.6 (1971) Cm 5193

Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

BRITISH EMBASSY
Copenhagen

No.2

*The Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy,
Copenhagen*

22 October 2009

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Note Verbale 25 of Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy, dated 22 October 2009, which reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply, the Royal Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to state that the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark accepts the proposal of the Government of the United Kingdom and agrees that the Note Verbale of Her Britannic Majesty's Embassy and the present reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments.

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