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between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium amending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf under the North Sea between the Two Countries, done at Brussels on 29 May 1991, as amended by the Exchange of Letters of 21 March and 7 June 2005

Brussels, 25 June and 12 August 2013

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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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BELGIUM RELATING TO THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF
UNDER THE NORTH SEA BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, DONE AT
BRUSSELS ON 29 MAY 1991, AS AMENDED BY THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
OF 21 MARCH AND 7 JUNE 2005**

No.1

Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium.

Dear Minister Reynders,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to the delimitation of the continental shelf between the two countries, done at Brussels on 29 May 1991¹, as amended by the Exchange of Letters of 21 March and 7 June 2005², which established the boundary between that part of the continental shelf which appertains to the United Kingdom and that part which appertains to the Kingdom of Belgium, and to propose that the boundary between the respective Exclusive Economic Zones of the United Kingdom and Belgium shall follow the dividing line of the continental shelf as set out in the aforesaid Agreement and Exchange of Letters.

I have further the honour to propose that, following discussions between the respective experts of the two States, the boundary set out in the aforesaid Agreement and Exchange of Letters shall be expressed on WGS84 Datum and joined by geodesics, as follows:

1	51	33	25.0	N	02	14	13.1	E
2	51	36	44.0	N	02	15	07.2	E
3	51	48	15.0	N	02	28	49.2	E
4	51	52	31.0	N	02	32	16.8	E

I have the honour to confirm that the French and Netherlands authorities are content with this formulation on WGS84 Datum of points 1 and 4, respectively.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, I have the honour to propose that this Letter, together with Your Excellency's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between the Kingdom of Belgium and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zones, which shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the later of the

¹ Treaty Series No. 20 (1994) Cm 2499

² Treaty Series No. 18 (2007) Cm 7204

notifications by the two Governments of the completion of all necessary constitutional and legal procedures.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

No. 2

*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium,
to Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter dated 25 June 2013 which reads as follows:

[As in Letter No.1]

I have the honour to inform you that my Government agrees to this proposal.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.”

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