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of the Exclusive Economic Zone

Paris, 20 April 2011

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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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**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC RELATING TO
THE DELIMITATION OF THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE**

No. 1

*Her Majesty's Ambassador to Paris to the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs
of the French Republic*

20 April 2011
British Embassy, Paris

Madame,

I have the honour to refer to:

- (i) the Decisions of the Court of Arbitration dated 30 June 1977 and 14 March 1978 in the Arbitration between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the French Republic on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf;
- (ii) the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf in the area East of 30 Minutes West of the Greenwich Meridian, done at London on 24 June 1982¹, as amended by the Exchange of Notes, done at Paris on 21 March and 27 March 1990 (part of the boundary defined in that Agreement having subsequently been established as the limit between the territorial sea of the United Kingdom and the territorial sea of the French Republic in the Straits of Dover in the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic, done at Paris on 2 November 1988²); and
- (iii) the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic relating to the completion of the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf in the Southern North Sea, done at London on 23 July 1991³.

I have the honour to confirm that the boundary between the continental shelf appertaining to the United Kingdom and that appertaining to France, as established by the said Decisions of the Court of Arbitration and in the said Agreements of 24 June 1982 and 23 July 1991, is the boundary between the respective Exclusive Economic Zones of the United Kingdom and France.

¹ Treaty Series No. 020 (1983) Cmnd 8859

² Treaty Series No. 026 (1989) Cm 733

³ Treaty Series No. 046 (1992) Cm 1979

The coordinates of the points constituting the line of the boundary as defined above, as expressed in accordance with World Geodetic System 1984 datum (WGS 84), are set out in the Annex hereto, which shall form an integral part of this Agreement. That line is illustrated on the map attached to this Agreement, which is for illustrative purposes only.

I also have the honour to confirm that the foregoing is without prejudice to any discussions which might in due course take place concerning the boundary between the continental shelf appertaining to the United Kingdom and that appertaining to France, and/or concerning the boundary between the respective Exclusive Economic Zones of the United Kingdom and France, in the area West of Point N, as established by the said Decisions of the Court of Arbitration.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the French Republic, I have the honour to propose that this letter, together with Your Excellency's Reply to that letter, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic, which shall enter into force on the date of the later of the notifications by the two Governments confirming that the conditions for entry into force of the Agreement have been fulfilled.

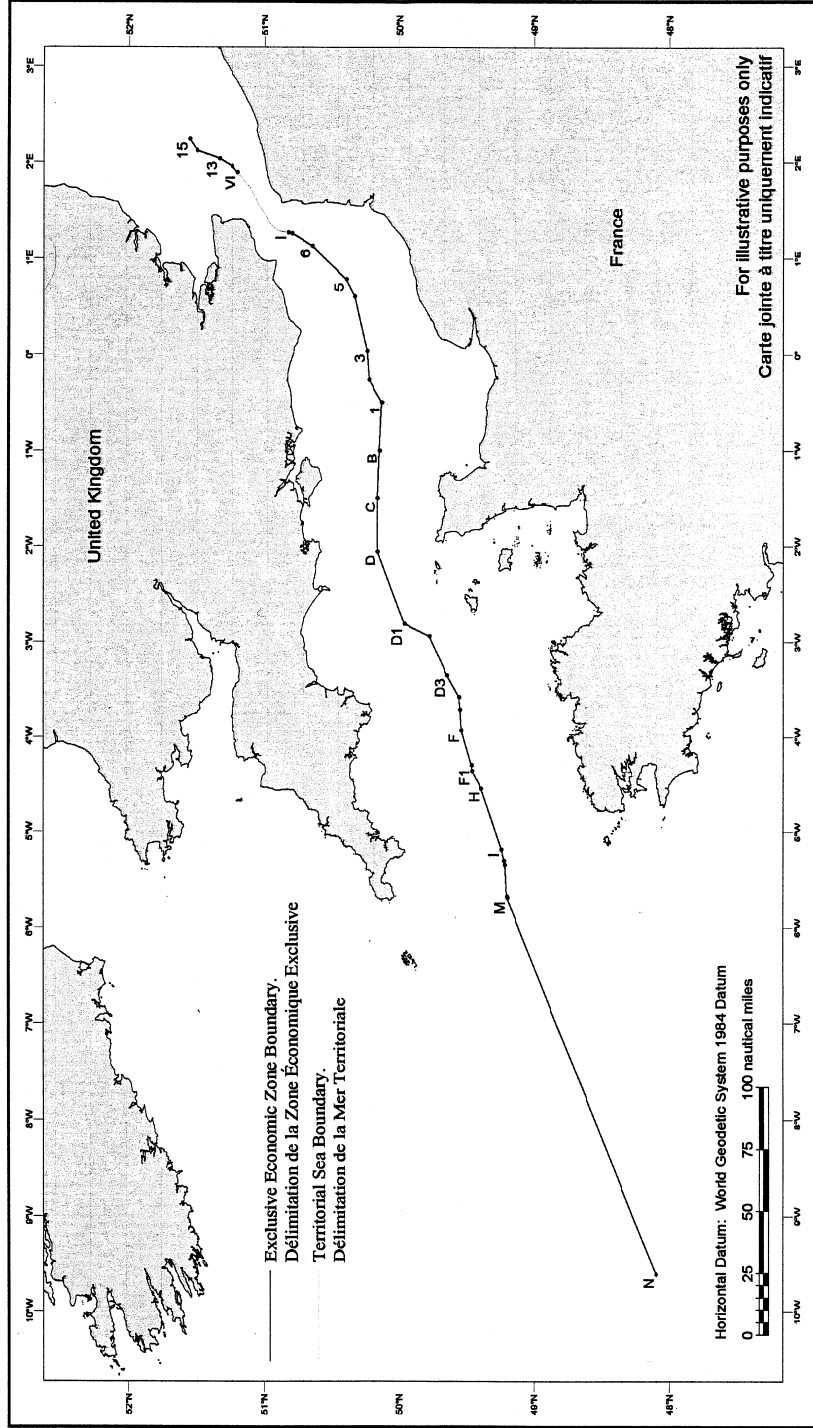
I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours ever,

PETER WESTMACOTT

Annex 1

EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
 BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE
 DÉLIMITATION DE LA ZONE ÉCONOMIQUE EXCLUSIVE ENTRE LA RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE ET
 LE ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE BRETAGNE ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD



ANNEX 2

The geographic co-ordinates of the UK/France exclusive economic zone and territorial sea boundary referred to World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) joined successively by loxodromes:

15.	51° 33' 25" .0 N	002° 14' 13" .1 E
14.	51° 30' 11" .0 N	002° 07' 13" .1 E
13.	51° 20' 08" .0 N	002° 02' 13" .1 E
12.	51° 14' 23" .9 N	001° 57' 13" .1 E
VI.	51° 11' 57" .7 N	001° 53' 15" .2 E
V.	51° 05' 54" .9 N	001° 43' 26" .2 E
IV.	51° 02' 15" .9 N	001° 32' 48" .1 E
III.	50° 56' 56" .9 N	001° 21' 20" .1 E
II.	50° 53' 43" .9 N	001° 16' 53" .1 E
I.	50° 49' 27" .8 N	001° 15' 48" .6 E
7.	50° 47' 46" .9 N	001° 15' 23" .1 E
6.	50° 38' 34" .9 N	001° 07' 21" .2 E
5.	50° 23' 18" .8 N	000° 46' 34" .2 E
4.	50° 19' 37" .8 N	000° 36' 07" .1 E
3.	50° 14' 08" .8 N	000° 02' 09" .1 E
2.	50° 13' 09" .8 N	000° 15' 34" .9 W
1.	50° 07' 25" .7 N	000° 30' 04" .9 W
B.	50° 08' 23" .7 N	001° 00' 05" .0 W
C.	50° 09' 11" .7 N	001° 30' 05" .0 W
D.	50° 09' 10" .7 N	002° 03' 31" .0 W
D1.	49° 57' 46" .6 N	002° 48' 29" .1 W
D2.	49° 46' 26" .6 N	002° 56' 35" .1 W
D3.	49° 38' 26" .6 N	003° 21' 05" .1 W
D4.	49° 33' 08" .5 N	003° 34' 55" .1 W
E.	49° 32' 38" .5 N	003° 42' 49" .1 W
F.	49° 32' 04" .5 N	003° 55' 52" .1 W
F1.	49° 27' 36" .5 N	004° 17' 59" .1 W
G.	49° 27' 19" .5 N	004° 21' 51" .1 W
H.	49° 23' 10" .5 N	004° 32' 44" .1 W
I.	49° 14' 24" .4 N	005° 11' 05" .2 W
J.	49° 13' 18" .4 N	005° 18' 05" .2 W
K.	49° 12' 56" .4 N	005° 20' 45" .2 W
L.	49° 12' 06" .4 N	005° 40' 35" .2 W
M.	49° 11' 56" .4 N	005° 41' 35" .2 W
N.	48° 05' 56" .1 N	009° 36' 35" .3 W

No. 2

Head of the Legal Division of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the French Republic to Her Majesty's Ambassador to Paris

20 April 2011
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 20 April 2011 which in translation reads as follows:

[As in No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to confirm that the contents of your said letter are acceptable to the Government of the French Republic and that your letter, together with this Reply, shall constitute an Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which shall enter into force in the date of the later of the notifications by the two Governments that the conditions for the entry into force of this Agreement have been fulfilled.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

EDWIGE BELLIARD

Head of the Legal Division

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