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The Hague, 19 April 2013 and 3 July 2013

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by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
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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 THE NETHERLANDS AMENDING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS RELATING TO THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDER THE NORTH SEA BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, DONE AT LONDON ON 6 OCTOBER 1965, AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 25 NOVEMBER 1971 AND THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF JANUARY AND JUNE 2004

No. 1

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

British Embassy
The Hague

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement of 6 October 1965¹, the Protocol of 25 November 1971² and the Exchange of Notes of January and June 2004³ which established the dividing line between that part of the continental shelf which appertains to the United Kingdom and that part which appertains to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and to propose that the boundary between the respective Exclusive Economic Zones of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands shall follow the dividing line of the continental shelf as set out in the aforesaid Agreement, Protocol and Exchange of Notes.

I have further the honour to propose that, following discussions between the respective experts of the two States, the boundary set out in Article 1 of the aforesaid Agreement, as amended by the Protocol and Exchange of Notes, shall be expressed on WGS84 Datum and joined by geodetic lines, and that accordingly the text in the English language of Article 1, paragraph 1, of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

“(1) Subject to Article 2 of this Agreement, the dividing line between that part of the Continental Shelf which appertains to the United Kingdom of Great Britain

¹ Treaty Series No. 24 (1967) Cmnd 3254

² Treaty Series No. 130 (1972) Cmnd 5173

³ Treaty Series No. 2 (2006) Cm 6749

and Northern Ireland and that part which appertains to the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall be joined by geodetic lines between the following points in the sequence given below:

1	51	52	31.0	N	2	32	16.8	E
2	51	58	57	N	2	37	31	E
3	52	00	57	N	2	39	25	E
4	52	05	15	N	2	42	07	E
5	52	05	57	N	2	42	49	E
6	52	12	21	N	2	50	19	E
7	52	17	21	N	2	55	55	E
8	52	24	57	N	3	03	25	E
9	52	37	15	N	3	10	55	E
10	52	46	57	N	3	12	13	E
11	52	52	57	N	3	10	25	E
12	53	18	03	N	3	03	19	E
13	53	28	09	N	3	00	55	E
14	53	35	03	N	2	59	13	E
15	53	40	03	N	2	57	19	E
16	53	57	45	N	2	51	55	E
17	54	22	45	N	2	45	43	E
18	54	37	15	N	2	53	49	E
19	55	45	51.5	N	3	22	7.8	E

The positions of the points in this Article shall be expressed on WGS84 Datum.”

I have the further honour to propose that the text of the Netherlands language of Article 1, paragraph 1, of the Agreement shall be replaced by the following:

“(1) Met inachtneming van artikel 2 van deze Overeenkomst, wordt de grenslijn tussen het deel van het continentale plat dat toebehoort aan het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden en het deel dat toebehoort aan het Verenigd Koninkrijk van Groot-Brittannië en Noord-Ierland gevormd door geodetische lijnen tussen de volgende punten, in de volgorde als hieronder aangegeven:

1	51	52	31.0	N	2	32	16.8	E
2	51	58	57	N	2	37	31	E
3	52	00	57	N	2	39	25	E
4	52	05	15	N	2	42	07	E
5	52	05	57	N	2	42	49	E
6	52	12	21	N	2	50	19	E
7	52	17	21	N	2	55	55	E
8	52	24	57	N	3	03	25	E
9	52	37	15	N	3	10	55	E
10	52	46	57	N	3	12	13	E
11	52	52	57	N	3	10	25	E
12	53	18	03	N	3	03	19	E
13	53	28	09	N	3	00	55	E

14	53	35	03	N	2	59	13	E
15	53	40	03	N	2	57	19	E
16	53	57	45	N	2	51	55	E
17	54	22	45	N	2	45	43	E
18	54	37	15	N	2	53	49	E
19	55	45	51.5	N	3	22	7.8	E

De ligging van de in dit artikel genoemde punten is uitgedrukt in WGS84 Datum.”

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, I have the honour to propose that this Note, together with Your Excellency’s reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of the later of the notifications by each State that the conditions for entry into force of the agreement have been fulfilled.

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

No. 2

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Dear Ambassador,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note, dated 19 April 2013, which reads as follows:

[As in Note No. 1]

In reply, I have the honour to confirm that the contents of your said Note are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and that your Note, together with this reply, shall constitute an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, which shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of the later of the notifications by each State that the conditions for the entry into force of the agreement have been fulfilled.

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

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