

Minutes of the meeting between the Delegation of the French Republic and the Delegation of Tuvalu on the Maritime Delimitation

Both Delegations,

Recognising the *Exchange of Notes between France and Tuvalu constituting an Agreement concerning Provisional Maritime Delimitation between the two Countries*, 6 August – 5 November 1985,

Taking into account the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, which provides in Articles 74 and 83 that the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts shall be effected by agreement on the basis of international law in order to achieve an equitable solution,

Desiring to establish the common boundary between their respective parts of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf, taking full account of the current rules of international law on international boundaries in order to achieve an equitable solution,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 Maritime Boundary between the French Republic (Islands of Wallis and Futuna) and the Government of Tuvalu

- (1) The maritime boundary delimiting the exclusive economic zones and continental shelves between the French Republic and Tuvalu lies seaward of the Islands of Wallis and Futuna on the one hand and Niulakita and the archipelago comprising Nukufetau, Funafuti and Nukulaelae in Tuvalu on the other hand, along the geodesic lines connecting the following points, defined by their coordinates, in the order stated:

POINT IDENTIFIER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	09° 52' 50.00" S	176° 47' 09.00" W
2	09° 52' 52.26" S	176° 47' 10.73" W
3	10° 08' 18.31" S	177° 02' 12.84" W
4	10° 31' 51.14" S	177° 25' 10.76" W
5	10° 49' 57.00" S	177° 42' 52.16" W
6	11° 04' 51.81" S	177° 51' 25.16" W
7	11° 29' 10.22" S	178° 05' 24.93" W
8	11° 48' 11.21" S	178° 16' 25.26" W
9	12° 10' 32.37" S	178° 50' 14.17" W
10	12° 37' 35.96" S	179° 31' 23.60" W
11	12° 50' 35.63" S	179° 51' 16.14" W
12	13° 13' 29.27" S	179° 33' 33.12" E
13	13° 14' 27.28" S	179° 32' 05.12" E



(2) The maritime boundary line defined in paragraph 1 of this Article is based on the principle of equidistance between the Islands of Wallis and Futuna and Tuvalu.

(3) The geographical coordinates given in this Article are determined by reference to the geodetic reference system WGS 84 (World Geodetic System 1984).

(4) The maritime boundary line has been drawn by way of illustration on the chart at Annex A to this Agreement, which forms an integral part thereof.

Article 2 Further Delimitation of the Continental Shelf

If it becomes necessary to extend the boundary line referred to in Article 1 for the purpose of further delimiting areas of the continental shelf adjacent to the Islands of Wallis and Futuna and Tuvalu that line shall be extended by agreement in accordance with international law.

Article 3 Dispute Resolution

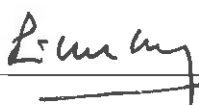
Any dispute between the Parties over the interpretation or implementation of the Agreement to come shall be settled peacefully by consultation and negotiation, in accordance with international law.

Article 4 Entry into Force

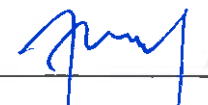
Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of the constitutional procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement to come. The said Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, have signed these Minutes.

DONE in duplicate at the Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, London on the 9th of December 2014 in the English language.



Head of the Delegation of the French Republic



Head of the Technical Delegation of the Government of Tuvalu

ANNEX A

