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**FRANCE
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Convention on maritime boundaries (with annexed map).
Signed at Paris on 25 October 1983**

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et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Convention de délimitation maritime (avec carte annexée).
Signée à Paris le 25 octobre 1983**

Textes authentiques : français et anglais.

Enregistrée par la France le 4 septembre 1984.

CONVENTION¹ ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Desiring to strengthen the relations of good neighbourliness and friendship between the two countries;

Recognising the need to delimit in a precise and equitable manner the maritime areas around the Tuamotu Archipelago on the one hand and Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands on the other, over which the two States respectively exercise sovereignty;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The boundary between the French economic zone around the Tuamotu Archipelago and the fisheries zone around Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands is based on a line of equidistance. This line has been determined using the baselines from which the territorial sea of each country is measured. In the case of France, the baseline is drawn in accordance with the Laws of 24 December 1971 and 28 December 1976. In the case of Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, the baseline is the low-water mark.

Article 2. 1. The boundary line determined in accordance with Article 1 is formed by loxodromic arcs linking, in the order in which they are given, the points identified below by their coordinates:

	<i>Longitude West</i>	<i>Latitude South</i>
Point V1	133° 25' 29"	26° 34' 05"
Point V2	132° 59' 32"	25° 40' 40"
Point V3	132° 41' 11"	24° 04' 08"
Point V4	132° 23' 23"	22° 22' 55"
Point V5	132° 08' 37"	21° 03' 05"
Point V6	131° 58' 43"	20° 45' 54"

2. The geographical coordinates given in this Article are expressed in the geodesic reference system WGS 72 (World Geodesic System).

3. This line has been drawn by way of illustration on the map in the Annex to this Convention.²

Article 3. The line defined in Article 2 of this Convention constitutes the maritime boundary between the zones referred to in Article 1 of this Convention.

Article 4. Each Contracting Party shall notify the other of the completion of the constitutional procedures required for the entry into force of this Convention. The Convention shall enter into force on the date when the last notification is received.

¹ Came into force on 12 April 1984, the date of receipt of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties notified each other of the completion of the required constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 4.

² See insert in a pocket at the end of this volume.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Convention.

DONE in duplicate at Paris on 25th October 1983 in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the French Republic:

[*Signed*]¹

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

[*Signed*]²

¹ Signed by Gilbert Guillaume.

² Signed by Sir John Emsley Fretwell.