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## AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> ON MARITIME DELIMITATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The Government of Australia and the Government of the French Republic,  
Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness and friendship between  
the two countries;

Recognizing the need to effect a precise and equitable delimitation of the respective  
maritime areas in which the two States exercise sovereign rights;

Basing themselves on the rules and principles of relevant international law and  
taking into account the work of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of  
the Sea;

Referring to the negotiations which took place in Canberra from 30 September  
to 2 October 1980 and to the Summary of Conclusions agreed upon by their two  
delegations on the second of October 1980;

Have agreed as follows:

*Article 1.* 1. Seaward of Australian islands in the Coral Sea, Norfolk Island,  
and other Australian islands on the one hand and of New Caledonia, the Chesterfield  
Islands and other French islands on the other hand, the line of delimitation between  
Australian fishing zone and the French Economic Zone and between areas of con-  
tinental shelf over which each State respectively exercises sovereign rights in accord-  
ance with international law lies along the geodesics connecting the following points,  
defined by their co-ordinates, in the order stated:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude S</i>	<i>Longitude E</i>
R1	15° 44' 07"	158° 45' 39"
R2	16° 25' 28"	158° 22' 49"
R3	16° 34' 51"	158° 16' 26"
R4	17° 30' 28"	157° 38' 31"
R5	17° 54' 40"	157° 21' 59"
R6	18° 32' 25"	156° 56' 44"
R7	18° 55' 54"	156° 37' 29"
R8	19° 17' 12"	156° 15' 20"
R9	20° 08' 28"	156° 49' 34"
R10	20° 32' 28"	157° 03' 09"
R11	20° 42' 52"	157° 04' 34"
R12	20° 53' 33"	157° 06' 25"
R13	21° 12' 57"	157° 10' 17"
R14	21° 47' 21"	157° 14' 36"
R15	22° 10' 31"	157° 13' 04"
R16	22° 31' 38"	157° 18' 43"
R17	23° 14' 54"	157° 48' 04"
R18	25° 08' 48"	158° 36' 39"

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 10 January 1983, the date of receipt of the last of the notifications (effected on 12 May 1982 and 10 January 1983) by which the Parties informed each other of the completion of their constitutional procedures, in accordance with article 6.

R19	26° 26' 30"	163° 43' 30"
R20	26° 12' 04"	165° 51' 37"
R21	25° 50' 42"	168° 44' 18"
R22	25° 55' 51"	169° 25' 54"

2. The geographic co-ordinates referred to in this article are expressed in terms of the World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72).

3. The line described above is shown on the chart (International Chart 602, entitled "Tasman and Coral Seas") annexed to this Agreement as annex 1.

*Article 2.* 1. Seaward of Heard and McDonald Islands on the one hand and of Kerguelen Islands on the other hand, the line of delimitation between the Australian fishing zone and the French Economic Zone and between areas of continental shelf over which each State respectively exercises sovereign rights in accordance with international law lies along the geodesics connecting the following points, defined by their co-ordinates, in the order stated:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude S</i>	<i>Longitude E</i>
S1	53° 14' 07"	67° 03' 20"
S2	52° 42' 28"	68° 05' 31"
S3	51° 58' 18"	69° 44' 02"
S4	51° 24' 32"	71° 12' 29"
S5	51° 03' 09"	72° 28' 28"
S6	50° 54' 23"	72° 49' 21"
S7	49° 49' 34"	75° 36' 08"
S8	49° 24' 07"	76° 42' 17"

2. The geographic co-ordinates referred to in this article are expressed in terms of the World Geodetic System 1972 (WGS 72).

3. The line described above is shown on the map annexed to this Agreement as annex 2.

*Article 3.* 1. The final point (point R22) of the line of delimitation referred to in article 1 of this Agreement and the points at each end (points S1 and S8) of the line of delimitation referred to in article 2 of this Agreement shall not be taken as necessarily representing the position of either of the two Governments as to the outer edge of the continental shelf.

2. If it becomes necessary to extend a line of delimitation referred to in articles 1 or 2 of this Agreement for the purpose of further delimiting the continental shelf adjacent to Australian and French territory, that line shall be extended by agreement between the two Governments in accordance with international law.

*Article 4.* Subject to article 3 of this Agreement the lines of delimitation described in articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement shall be the boundaries between the zones over which the Parties exercise, or will exercise, in accordance with international law, any sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

*Article 5.* Any disagreement arising between the Parties with respect to the interpretation or the application of this Agreement shall be resolved by peaceful means in accordance with international law.

*Article 6.* Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of its constitutional procedures necessary to bring this Agreement into force. The Agreement shall enter into force on the day of receipt of the later of those notifications.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed this Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Melbourne the fourth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, in two originals, each in the English and French languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.

[Signed — Signé]<sup>1</sup>  
For the Government  
of Australia

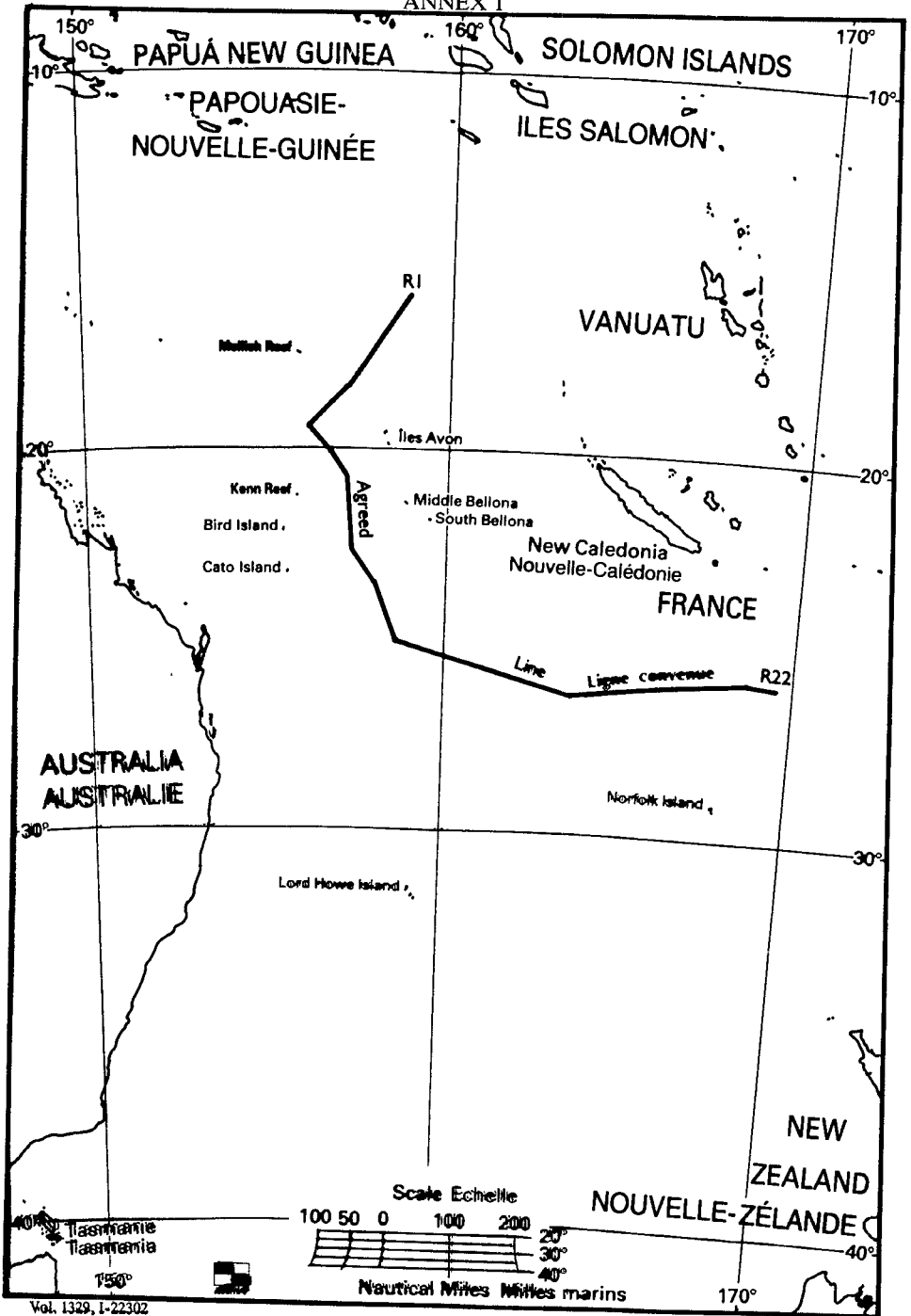
[Signed — Signé]<sup>2</sup>  
For the Government  
of the French Republic

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<sup>2</sup> Signed by Pierre Carraud — Signé par Pierre Carraud.

ANNEX I



ANNEX 2

