



**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**

**AND**

**THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU**

**CONCERNING**

**MARITIME BOUNDARIES**



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The sovereign States of the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru,

**DESIRING** to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two States,

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

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the rules and principles of international law as reflected in the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, to which both the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru are party, and, in particular, Articles 74 and 83 which provide 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,

**HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:**

**ARTICLE 1**

**Maritime Jurisdiction**

1. The line of delimitation between the exclusive economic zones and the continental shelves over which each State respectively exercises sovereign rights and jurisdiction in accordance with international law lies seaward of Banaba in Kiribati on one hand and Nauru on the other hand, along the geodesics connecting the following points, defined by their coordinates, in the order stated:

<b>Point Identifier</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
1	1° 46' 38.33" N	168° 33' 36.88" E
2	1° 15' 28.93" N	168° 29' 32.58" E
3	0° 29' 46.28" N	168° 23' 34.85" E
4	0° 08' 21.20" N	168° 20' 47.89" E
5	0° 17' 43.03" S	168° 17' 25.39" E
6	0° 41' 14.47" S	168° 14' 24.23" E
7	0° 57' 52.28" S	168° 12' 16.17" E
8	1° 06' 04.59" S	168° 11' 17.70" E
9	1° 33' 47.11" S	168° 07' 59.75" E
10	2° 08' 30.19" S	168° 03' 46.11" E
11	2° 14' 38.85" S	168° 03' 01.29" E
12	2° 24' 39.29" S	168° 01' 49.77" E
13	2° 46' 52.79" S	167° 59' 10.56" E
14	3° 23' 10.33" S	167° 54' 50.94" E
15	3° 46' 14.42" S	167° 52' 06.28" E
16	3° 47' 20.10" S	167° 51' 58.41" E

2. The line of delimitation defined in paragraph 1 of this Article is the equidistance line between the Republic of Kiribati and the Republic of Nauru.



3. Points defined by geographic coordinates in this Article are determined by reference to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).
4. The line described in paragraph 1 of this Article is drawn for illustrative purposes on the chart forming Annex 1 to this Agreement.
5. This Agreement shall define the boundary between the exclusive economic zones and continental shelves over which the Parties exercise, or will exercise, sovereign rights and jurisdiction in accordance with international law.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **Dispute Resolution**

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled peacefully by consultation and negotiation, in accordance with international law.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **Hydrocarbon and Mineral Resources Straddling the Boundary**

If any single accumulation or deposit of liquid hydrocarbon, natural gas, or other mineral extends across the maritime boundary line described in Article 1.1, and if one Party by exploiting that accumulation or deposit would withdraw, deplete, or draw down the portion of the accumulation or deposit that is on the other Party's side of the boundary line, then before the accumulation or deposit is exploited, the Parties shall consult with a view toward reaching an agreement on the manner in which the accumulation or deposit may be most effectively exploited and on the equitable sharing of the benefits from such exploitation.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **Entry into Force**

Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of its national procedures to bring this Agreement into force. The Agreement shall enter into force on the later of those notifications.



**ARTICLE 5**

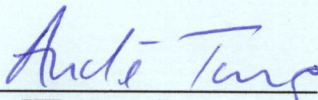
**Agreement Deposit**

Upon completion of the national procedures bringing this Agreement into force, each Party shall take all the required steps to lodge this Agreement, including the coordinates in Article 1, with the appropriate International Bodies.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the representatives of the two Governments, being duly authorised for this purpose, have signed this Agreement.

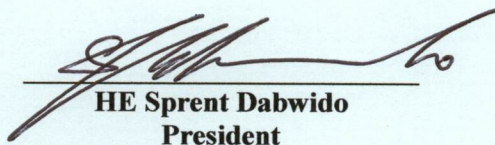
**DONE IN DUPLICATE at Rarotonga, Cook Islands this Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012.**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI**



**HE Anote Tong  
President**

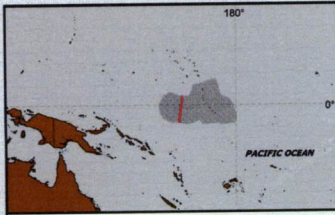
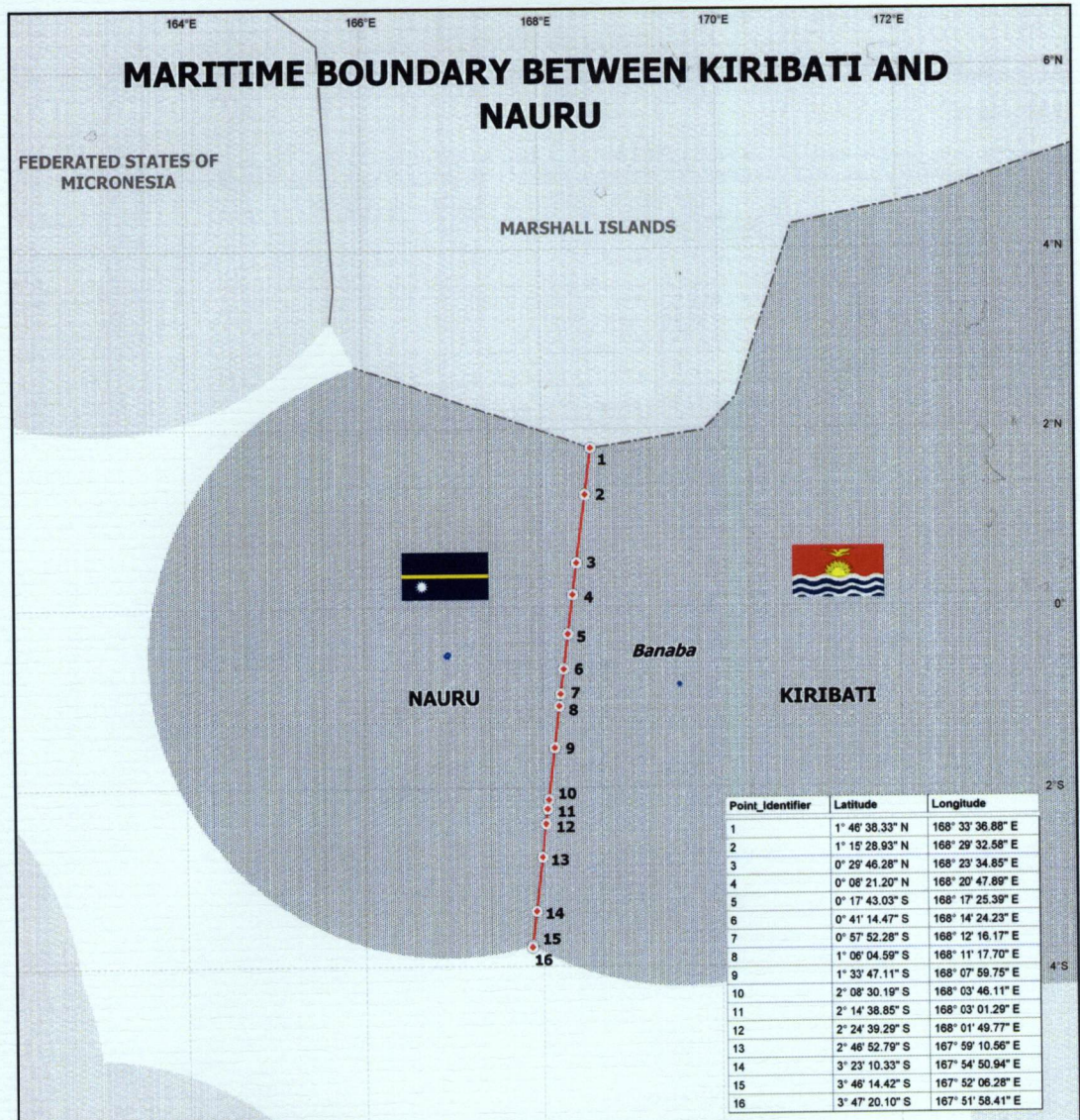
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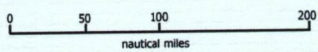


# Annex 1



- Legend**
- Maritime Boundary Agreement points (1-16)
  - Maritime Boundary Agreement line
  - - - Adjacent countries' "provisional" median lines
  - Existing maritime boundary treaty
  - Territorial Sea baselines of crucial islands

Horizontal Datum: World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84)



This Illustrative Chart is not to be used for navigation purposes.

The purpose of this Chart is solely to illustrate the geographical coordinates as stated in the Maritime Boundary Agreement between Kiribati and Nauru. Baseline data derived from the High Resolution Satellite Imagery (Geoeye-1) of Banaba (2009) and officially declared geographical coordinates of Nauru (Nauru Sea Boundaries Act 1997).

This Chart was compiled with the collaboration of the Government of Kiribati, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development and Ministry of Environment, Lands & Agriculture Development, the Government of Nauru, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Applied Geoscience & Technology Division (SOPAC Division) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).