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**États-Unis d'Amérique  
et  
Kiribati**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique et le Gouvernement de la République de Kiribati concernant la coopération dans des opérations conjointes de surveillance maritime. Tarawa, 24 novembre 2008**

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AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI  
CONCERNING  
COOPERATION IN JOINT MARITIME SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Kiribati (hereinafter, “the Parties”);

Bearing in mind the special nature of the problem of detecting illegal activity at sea, such as fisheries offences, illicit maritime drug traffic, and illegal migration;

Desiring to promote greater cooperation between the Parties, and thereby enhance their effectiveness, in detecting illegal activity at sea; and

Based on the principles of international law, respect for the sovereign equality of States, and in full respect of the freedom of navigation;

Have agreed as follows:

1. Armed and uniformed officers of the Republic of Kiribati Maritime Law Enforcement Agency (hereafter, “the embarked officers”) may be embarked in selected United States Coast Guard law enforcement vessels or aircraft. When embarked, the United States Coast Guard shall facilitate regular communications between the embarked officers and their headquarters in the Republic of Kiribati, and shall provide messing and quarters for the embarked officers aboard United States Coast Guard vessels in a manner consistent with United States Coast Guard personnel of the same rank.

2. The embarked officers shall be empowered to grant United States Coast Guard vessels and aircraft, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Kiribati, authority to:

(a) enter the territorial sea of the Republic of Kiribati to assist the embarked officers to stop, board, and search vessels suspected of violating laws or regulations of the Republic of Kiribati, and to assist in the arrest of the persons on board and the seizure of contraband and vessels;

(b) assist the embarked officers in performing fisheries surveillance and law enforcement activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Kiribati, including stopping, inspecting, detaining, directing to port, and seizing fishing vessels in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the Republic of Kiribati;

(c) stop, board, and search vessels located seaward of any State’s territorial sea and claiming registry or nationality in the Republic of Kiribati to assist the embarked