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France**

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**Pays-Bas (pour la partie européenne des Pays-Bas)  
et  
France**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement du Royaume des Pays-Bas et le Gouvernement de la République française relatif à la délimitation maritime dans la région des Caraïbes (avec annexe). Philipsburg, 6 avril 2016**

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**Agreement between the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the government of the French Republic on Maritime Delimitations in the Caribbean region**

The government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

and

the government of the French Republic,

hereafter "the Parties"

Considering that it is desirable to delimit the maritime zones in the Caribbean region over which the two States respectively exercise their sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction;

Considering that the relations between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the French Republic in the Caribbean region are based on the principle of good neighbourliness;

Having regard to the Treaty of Concordia (Sint Maarten) concluded on 23 March 1648;

Having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, concluded at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, to which the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the French Republic are Parties;

have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

1. This Agreement delimits the maritime zones of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (the autonomous country of Sint Maarten, and the public bodies of Saba and Sint Eustatius) and the French Republic over which the States respectively exercise or will exercise their sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

2. If either of the Parties decides to establish, expand or alter maritime zones, it can only do so with due respect for the maritime delimitation established in this Agreement.

**Article 2**

The geographical coordinates of the points established in this Agreement are expressed in the geodetic reference system WGS 84 (World Geodetic System 1984).

**Article 3**

The western part of the maritime delimitation is formed by a geodesic line joining, in the order in which they are given, the following points identified by their geographical coordinates:

| Point | Latitude (North) | Longitude (West) |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| A     | 17° 56' 52"      | 063° 36' 51"     |
| B     | 17° 52' 22"      | 063° 17' 14"     |
| C     | 18° 03' 10"      | 063° 08' 20"     |

From point A, the delimitation extends along a geodetic azimuth of 283,5 degrees until the delimitation with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is reached.

#### Article 4

The eastern part of the maritime delimitation is formed by a geodesic line joining, in the order in which they are given, the following points identified by their geographical coordinates:

| Point | Latitude (North) | Longitude (West) |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| D     | 18° 03' 08"      | 063° 00' 46"     |
| E     | 18° 02' 55"      | 063° 00' 43"     |
| F     | 18° 01' 02"      | 062° 56' 58"     |
| G     | 17° 59' 12"      | 062° 58' 10"     |
| H     | 17° 46' 51"      | 063° 03' 59"     |
| I     | 17° 44' 09"      | 063° 01' 11"     |
| J     | 17° 42' 51"      | 062° 56' 47"     |

From point J, the delimitation extends along a geodetic azimuth of 112,9 degrees until the delimitation with the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis is reached.

#### Article 5

The delimitation line as established in articles 3 and 4 is drawn by way of illustration on the map in the Annex to this Agreement.

#### Article 6

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 7

Parties shall notify each other in writing of the completion of their domestic procedure necessary to bring into force this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of receipt of the last notification.

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

DONE at Philipsburg, on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, in the English and French language, both texts being equally authentic.