



# **Treaty Concerning the Joint Exercise of Sovereign Rights over the Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS**

**and**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**

**("the Contracting Parties")**

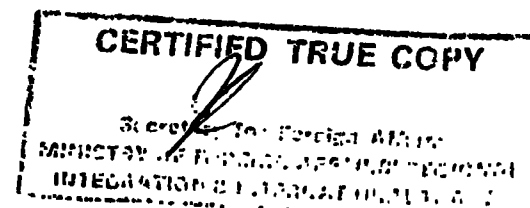
RECALLING that both countries being coastal States co-operated on the basis of the *Treaty between the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius on the Framework for a Joint Submission to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf* dated 18 September 2008, as subsequently amended, to lodge on 1 December 2008 the Joint Submission to the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf ("the Commission") concerning the Mascarene Plateau region ("Joint Submission") under Article 76, paragraph 8 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982 ("the Convention");

RECALLING ALSO that on 30 March 2011, the Commission adopted recommendations confirming the entitlement of the Contracting Parties to the area of continental shelf submitted by them in the Joint Submission, as contained in the Commission document entitled *Recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in regard to the Joint Submission made by Mauritius and Seychelles in respect of the Mascarene Plateau Region on 1 December 2008*;

NOTING that Article 76 of the Convention provides that the limits of the continental shelf established by coastal States on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission shall be final and binding;

NOTING ALSO that Article 83 of the Convention provides that the delimitation of the continental shelf between States with opposite coasts shall be effected by agreement on the basis of international law in order to achieve an equitable solution and, in the absence of delimitation, that States shall make every effort in a spirit of understanding and co-operation to enter into provisional arrangements of a practical nature which do not prejudice a final delimitation of the continental shelf;

HAVE AGREED as follows:



## **Article 1: Joint Exercise of Sovereign Rights over the Continental Shelf**

The Contracting Parties shall exercise sovereign rights jointly for the purpose of exploring the continental shelf and exploiting its natural resources in the area described in Article 2 ('the Joint Zone').

## **Article 2: Delineation of the Joint Zone**

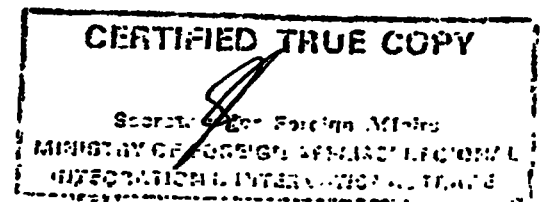
The Joint Zone is defined by the following points, the coordinates of latitude and longitude [referred to the World Geodetic System (WGS84)] of which are set out at Annex 1 to this Treaty, and as illustrated in the map at Annex 2 of this Treaty:

Commencing at point ECS1 on Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone Boundary, the boundary line runs through points ECS2 to ECS44, thence to point ECS45, thence to point ECS46, thence through points ECS47 to ECS105, thence to point ECS106, thence through points ECS107 to ECS123, thence through points ECS124 to ECS186, thence to point ECS187, thence to point ECS188, thence through points ECS189 to ECS220, thence to point ECS221, thence through points ECS222 to ECS269, thence through points ECS270 to ECS275, thence to point ECS276, thence through points ECS277 to ECS296, thence through points ECS297 to ECS321, thence through points ECS322 to ECS362, thence to point ECS363, thence through points ECS364 to ECS395, thence to point ECS396, thence through points ECS397 to ECS453 on Mauritius Exclusive Economic Zone boundary, thence along Mauritius Exclusive Economic Zone boundary to point 34, thence through points 35 to 41, thence through points 42 to 47, thence through point 48 to MS1 on the intersection of the Seychelles and Mauritius Exclusive Economic Zone boundaries, thence along the Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone boundary through points EZ1 to EZ5, thence along the Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone boundary to the starting point at ECS1 on Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone boundary.

The boundary line between the above listed points is a geodesic.

## **Article 3: Treaty without Prejudice**

Nothing contained in this Treaty, and no act taking place whilst this Treaty is in force, shall be interpreted as prejudicing or affecting the legal position or rights of the Contracting Parties concerning any future delimitation of the continental shelf between them in the Mascarene Plateau Region.



#### Article 4: Entry into Force

- (a) Each Contracting Party shall notify the other, by means of exchange of diplomatic notes, the completion of the procedures required by its law for the bringing into force of this Treaty. The Treaty shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later notification.
- (b) Upon entry into force, the Treaty shall be taken to have effect, and all of its provisions shall be taken to have applied, from the date of signature.

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

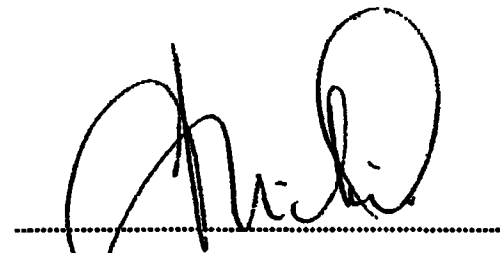
DONE at Clarisse House, Vacoas, Mauritius in duplicate on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March Two Thousand and Twelve in the English language.

For the Government of the Republic of Mauritius

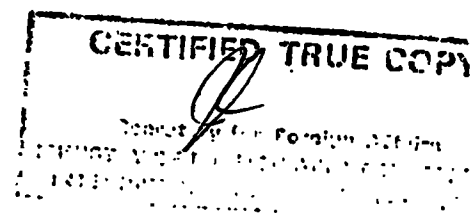
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Dr the Hon Navinchandra RAMGOOLAM, GCSK, FRCP  
Prime Minister



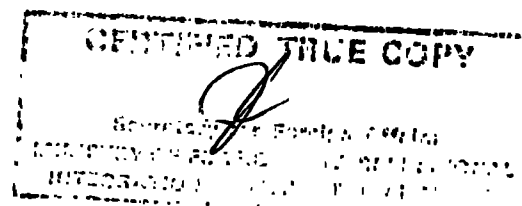
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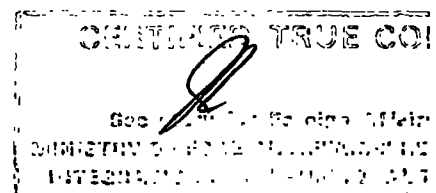
# Annex 1

Geographical coordinates (DATUM WGS 84) delineating the Seychelles-Mauritius Joint Zone.

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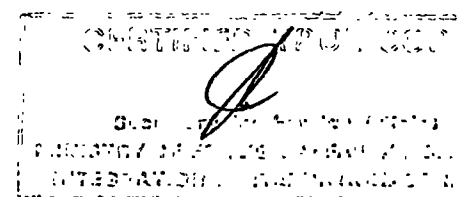
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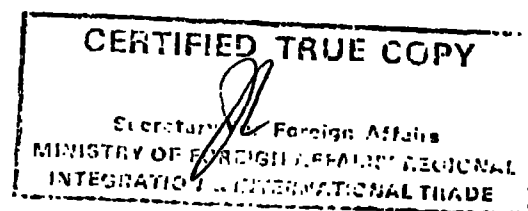
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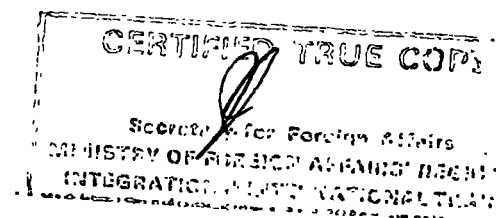
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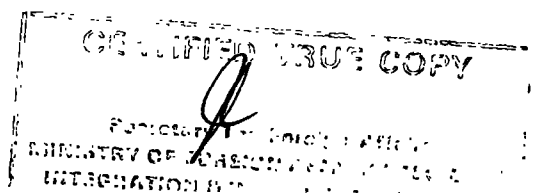
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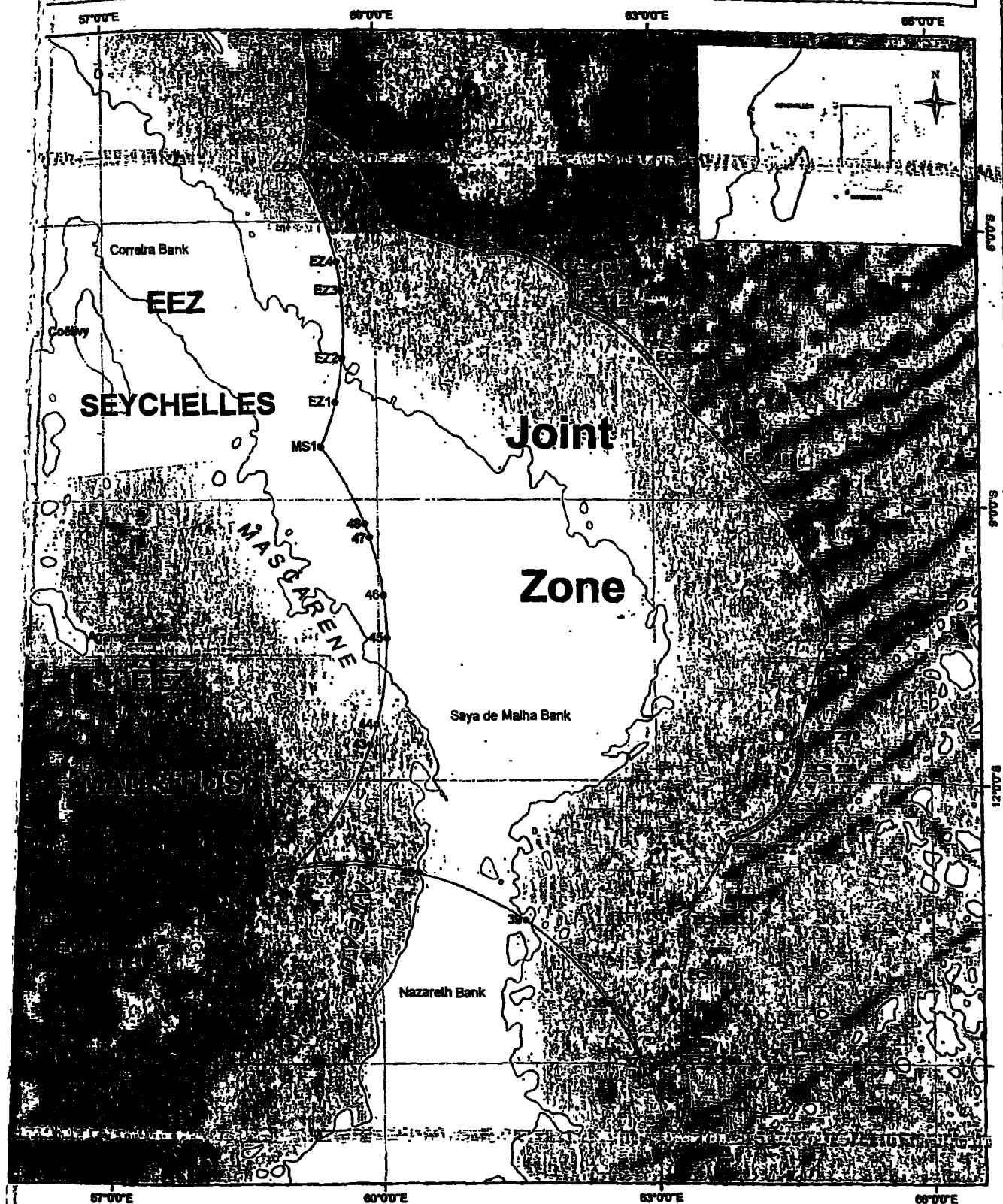
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# Area of the Mauritius-Seychelles Joint Zone



Mercator projection  
WGS84 Datum

Scale: 1:4,000,000

0 25 50 100 150 200 250 Kilometers

## Legend

- Extended Continental Shelf point
- Mauritius-Seychelles EEZ point
- Mauritius EEZ point
- Seychelles EEZ point
- ~ 200 M line computed from the basepoints of Republic of Seychelles
- ~ 200 M line computed from the basepoints of Republic of Mauritius

Median line between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles

~ 2500 m isobath

~ Extended Continental Shelf Area

~ Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Mauritius

~ Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Seychelles

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