

Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles concerning the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone and the Continental Shelf of France and Seychelles, 19 February 2001

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles,

Desirous of strengthening the bonds of neighbourliness and friendship between the two States,

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, including their expression in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, which entered into force on 16 November 1994,

Referring to the negotiations which took place in Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles, on 27 and 28 June 2000,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The delimitation line between the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the French Republic (around the territory of Île de la Grande Glorieuse and Île du Lys) and the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Republic of Seychelles (Assumption Island and Astove Island) will be based on the equidistance, considered, in this particular case, as an equitable solution, in conformity with international law. This line has been determined by using the nearest baselines from which the territorial sea of each State is measured.

Article 2

2.1. The line of delimitation between the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the French Republic (around the territory of Île de la Grande Glorieuse and Île du Lys) and the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the Republic of Seychelles (Assumption Island and Astove Island) shall be formed by the arcs of geodesics joining the geographical coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 of this article.

2.2. The line referred to in paragraph 2.1 of this article is formed by a series of geodesics connecting in the order stated in the points below, as defined by their geographical coordinates:

	<u>Latitude (S)</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
1.	11° 8' 23"	45° 46' 03" E
2.	10° 39' 01"	46° 54' 40" E
3.	11° 1' 15"	48° 29' 7" E

Article 3

3.1. The geographical coordinates referred to in paragraph 2.2 of article 2 are based on the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).

3.2. The line is drawn for illustrative purposes on the chart annexed to this Agreement.

Article 4

The line referred to in paragraph 2.1 of article 2 will be the maritime boundary between the areas referred to in article 1 in which the Parties exercise, or will exercise, in accordance with international law, any sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

Article 5

Any dispute 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

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature thereof.

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

DONE at Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles, on 19 February 2001, in two originals, each in the French and English languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the French Republic

For the Government of the Republic of
Seychelles

The Minister attached to the Minister for
Foreign Affairs, with responsibility for
Cooperation and Francophonie

The Minister for Foreign Affairs

