

**Agreement on maritime delimitation between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Solomon Islands,
12 November 1990**

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Solomon Islands, 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, as they are expressed in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The line of delimitation of maritime areas between the French Republic and the Solomon Islands is the line which lies along the loxodromes connecting the points defined by their coordinates as follows:

	<u>Latitude South</u>	<u>Longitude East</u>
Point 23	15° 44' 07"	158° 45' 39"
Point 24	16° 07' 37"	160° 14' 54"
Point 25	15° 12' 17"	162° 19' 26"
Point 26 (a)	14° 50' 03"	163° 10'

2. This line is approximately equidistant between the French Republic in the vicinity of New Caledonia and the Solomon Islands.

3. The geographic coordinates aforementioned are expressed in the WGS 84 (World Geodetic System 1984).

4. The line described above is shown on the chart annexed to this Agreement.

Article 2

The line described in article 1 of this Agreement shall be the maritime boundary between the areas referred to in this article in which the parties exercise, or will exercise, in accordance with international law, any sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

Article 3

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 4

This Agreement shall enter into force of the date of its signature.

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

DONE at Honiara on 12 November 1990 in two originals, each in the French and English languages, the two texts being equally authoritative.