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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND TUVALU CONCERNING A PROVISIONAL MARITIME DELIMITATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

I

RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE
AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
FIDJI²

Suva, 6 August 1985

No. 82/AL

The French Embassy in Suva presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu and has the honour to refer to the Ministry note in date of 10 June 1985, concerning maritime delimitation between Tuvalu and French Republic.

Taking into account the fact that, as expressed by the above-mentioned note, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs “agrees in principle on the desirability of maritime delimitation agreements but regrets that it is not yet in a position to finalise such arrangements”, the Embassy has further the honour to propose to the Tuvaluan side that, in the meantime, a simple agreement, acknowledging the principle of the equidistant line as a reference limit, could be decided by the two countries.

The French Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Funafuti, Tuvalu

¹ Came into force on 5 November 1985 by the exchange of the said notes.

² Embassy of France, Fiji.

II

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Tuvalu presents its compliments to the French Embassy in Suva and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 82/AL of 6 August 1985 concerning maritime delimitation between Tuvalu and the French Republic.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the further honour to agree to the Embassy's proposal that, as an interim measure pending the availability of charts definitively fixing maritime boundaries, both countries will acknowledge the principle of the equidistant line as a reference limit.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Tuvalu avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of France in Suva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Funafuti, Tuvalu

5th November 1985
