



Bonn Agreement Accord de Bonn

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Your Excellency

Collective Agreement by the Contracting Parties to the Bonn Agreement for the Modification of Joint Boundaries

This letter is to give formal notice that agreement has been reached between the Contracting Parties to the Bonn Agreement for Cooperation in Dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances to modify their zones of responsibility in the North Sea for the purposes of the Bonn Agreement, and to request that you will transmit this information to the German Federal Foreign Office.

2. The Bonn Agreement was originally made in 1969. The Contracting Parties are the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Ireland, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Union.

3. In 2000, agreement was reached by the Bonn Agreement Contracting Parties and Ireland that Ireland should become a Contracting Party to the Bonn Agreement. To this effect, Ireland acceded to the agreement in 2010 following a Decision made by Contracting Parties on 21 September 2001. Connected to the Accession of Ireland, but in a separate process, the Contracting Party countries (except Sweden) also entered into a Collective Agreement for the alignment of Contracting Parties' responsibility zones with their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs). Certain Contracting Parties made their acceptance of this collective agreement conditional upon the exchange of *notes verbales* between themselves and other Contracting Parties.

4. The exchange of *notes verbales* was completed on 29 May 2015. In accordance with articles 17 and 23 of the Bonn Agreement, the modifications shall come into effect on the first day of the sixth month after the date on which the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany communicates receipt of this letter to Contracting Parties. The Instrument of Modification of Joint Boundaries is enclosed. For information only I also include the effect of the Instrument on the Bonn Agreement text.

5. A copy of this letter is being sent electronically to the Heads of Delegation of the Contracting Parties to the Bonn Agreement.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Darius Campbell".

Darius Campbell

Secretary