FRANCE and ITALY Signed at Paris on 28 November 1986

CONVENTION' BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN RE PUBLIC ON THE DELIMITATION OF MARITIME FRONTIERS IN THE AREA OF THE STRAIT OF BONIFACIO

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Italian Republic. Desiring to strengthen the bonds of good-neighbourly and friendly relations between the two countries.

Recognizing the need to effect a precise and equitable delimitation of the re spective maritime areas over which the two States exercise, or will exercise, sover eignty and sovereign rights. Basing themselves on the niles and principles of relevant international law. Having regard to the "Franco-Italian Convention of 18 January 1908 to deter mine the fishery zones reserved for French and Italian fishermen respectively in the waters situated between Corsica and Sardinia." Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The line of delimitation between the territorial waters of the two States in the area of the Strait of Bonifacio is constituted by the loxodromic curves con necting the following points, defined by their coordinates, in the order stated:

Longitude E Latitude N

Point 1 008° 48' 49" 41 ° 15' 3 i" Point2 009°08'09"J 410 i9'09" Point 3 009° 16' i5" 410 17' 34" Point4 009° i9'03" 41 02Q' i3" Point5 009°27'03" 41 024'27 Point 6 009° 37' 54" 41 026 04"

- 2. The geographic coordinates referred to in this article are expressed in terms of the compensated European Geodetic System (Europe 50).
- 3. The line defined in paragraph 1 is shown on the chart annexed to this Convention. Article 2
- 1. To prevent this Convention from being prejudicial to the normal fishing practices of the professional fishermen of the two countries, the Parties agree. as a neighbourly arrangement, to allow the French and Italian coastal fishing vessels to continue fishing the traditional fishing areas located within a zone defined as follows:

In the north, by the parallel 41° 20' 40",

In the west, by the meridian 9°,

In the east, by the meridian 9° 06',

In the south, by the parallel 41° 16' 20".

- 2. The zone defined in paragraph 1 is shown on the chart referred to in ar ticle 1. Article 3
- 1. The alignment of points 2 and 3 will be marked on Italian territory by two white-painted pillars, in masonry, erected in accordance with the Convention of 18 January 1908, as follows: An 8-metre high pillar erected at the site of the trigonometric signal of Guardia del Turco,
- A 10-metre high pillar erected on the rocks at the southern tip of the Island of Budelli.
- 2. The alignment of points 3 and 4 will be marked on Italian territory by two white-painted pillars, in masonry, erected in accordance with the Convention of 18 January 1908, as follows:
- A 10-metre high pillar erected on the rock 500 metres before the semaphore at Contro di li Scala,
- A 12-metre high pillar erected on the shore in the vicinity of Punta Marmorata.

Article 4

Each Party shall notify the other of the completion of the constitutional proce dures necessary for the entry into force of this Convention. The Convention shall enter into force on the date of the last such notification.

The "Franco-Italian Convention of 18 January 1908 to determine the fishery zones reserved for French and Italian fishermen respectively in the waters situated between Corsica and Sardinia" shall be rescinded on that date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized for that purpose, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Paris on 28 November 1986 in duplicate, in the French and Italian languages, both texts being equally authentic.