

LETTER OF INTENT
TO EXTEND THE PIRATA MOU

The "Pilot Research Moored Array in the Tropical Atlantic - PIRATA" program coordinates a full range of activities covered by a Memorandum of Understanding, referenced as the "PIRATA MOU", with the purpose to study ocean-atmosphere interactions in the Tropical Atlantic that are relevant to climate variability on intra-seasonal, seasonal, interannual and longer time scales.

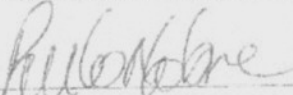
The value of the PIRATA program for climate research and operational oceanography and forecasting has been demonstrated during the consolidation phase, as reported during its Tenth Session, held in Fortaleza, Brazil, 14-16 December 2004.

It is the intention of the PIRATA institutions referred to as the "Parties" in the PIRATA MOU to sustain the array into the future and to enhance the array, according to scientific justification, and as resources permit.

Therefore, an expression of willingness to extend the validity of the present "PIRATA MOU" for another term, according to the provisions contained in Section 10, until 26 February 2006, is here decided by mutual agreement of the Parties.

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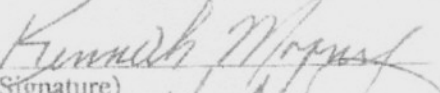

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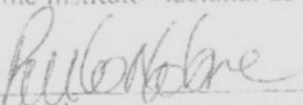

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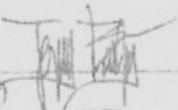

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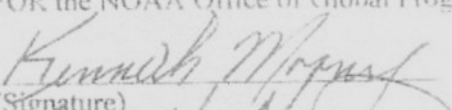

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