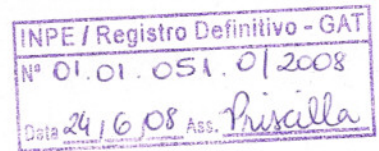


**Letter of Intent
To extend the PIRATA MOU**

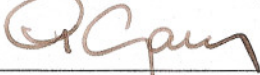


The Pilot Research Moored Array in the Tropical Atlantic (PIRATA) program coordinates a full range of activities covered by a Memorandum of Understanding referenced as the "PIRATA MOU," with the purpose to study ocean-atmosphere interactions in the Tropical Atlantic that are relevant to climate variability and change. The value of the PIRATA program for climate research, forecasting, process studies, and operational oceanography has been demonstrated during the consolidation phase.

It is the intention of the PIRATA institutions, referred to as the "Parties" in the PIRATA MOU, to enter into a new MOU for the purpose of sustaining the array into the future in an operational mode, and to enhance the array according to scientific justification, and as resources permit. The parties have drafted the new MOU; negotiations and approvals are ongoing but have not yet been finalized.

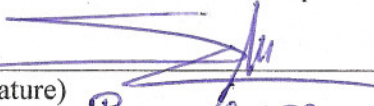
Therefore, in order to continue PIRATA operations uninterrupted, the Parties express their willingness to extend the validity of the present PIRATA MOU for another term, according to the provisions contained in Section 10, until 20 February 2010, by which time it is the intention of the parties to have executed the new MOU.

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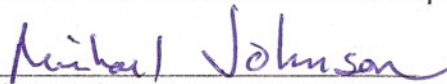
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