

# MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA

Desirous of establishing the maritime boundary between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba, as a result of the enactment, by the Government of the United States of America, of Public Law No. 94-265 of April 13, 1976, and by the Government of the Republic of Cuba, of Decree—Law No. 2 of February 24, 1977, the two Governments have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE I

The maritime boundary between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba shall be determined by the geodetic lines connecting the following coordinates:

<i>Latitude (north)</i>	<i>Longitude (west)</i>
1. 23°55'30"	81°12'55"
2. 23°53'50"	81°19'44"
3. 23°50'50"	81°30'00"
4. 23°50'00"	81°40'00"
5. 23°49'03"	81°50'00"
6. 23°49'03"	82°00'12"
7. 23°49'40"	82°10'00"
8. 23°51'12"	82°25'00"
9. 23°51'12"	82°40'00"
10. 23°49'40"	82°48'54"
11. 23°49'30"	82°51'12"
12. 23°49'22"	83°00'00"
13. 23°49'50"	83°15'00"
14. 23°51'20"	83°25'50"
15. 23°52'25"	83°33'02"
16. 23°54'02"	83°41'36"
17. 23°55'45"	83°48'12"
18. 23°58'36"	84°00'00"
19. 24°09'35"	84°29'28"
20. 24°13'18"	84°38'40"
21. 24°16'39"	84°46'08"
22. 24°23'28"	85°00'00"
23. 24°26'35"	85°06'20"
24. 24°38'55"	85°31'55"
25. 24°44'15"	85°43'12"
26. 24°53'55"	86°00'00"
27. 25°12'25"	86°33'12"

## ARTICLE II

The geodetic and computational bases used are the Clarke 1866 ellipsoid, the 1927 North American Datum, and the following charts:

*Charts published by the National Ocean Survey of the United States of America:*

- Chart NOS No. 11438, 6th Edition, September 20, 1975;
- Chart NOS No. 11439, 13th Edition, June 7, 1975;
- Chart NOS No. 11441, 27th Edition, July 24, 1976;
- Chart NOS No. 11442, 16th Edition, April 10, 1976;
- Chart NOS No. 11445, 15th Edition, July 24, 1976.

*Charts published by the Instituto Cubano de Hidrografia of the Republic of Cuba:*

- Chart ICH No. 15001, 1st Edition, October 1, 1975;
- Chart ICH No. 15002, 1st Edition, March 1, 1976;
- Chart ICH No. 15003, 1st Edition, September 1, 1975;
- Chart ICH No. 15004, 1st Edition, October 1, 1975;
- Chart ICH No. 15005, 1st Edition, October 1, 1975;
- Chart ICH No. 15006, 1st Edition, May 1, 1975.

## ARTICLE III

South of the maritime boundary the United States of America shall not, and north of the maritime boundary the Republic of Cuba shall not, claim or exercise sovereign rights or jurisdiction over the waters or seabed and subsoil.

## ARTICLE IV

This Agreement, the sole purpose of which is to establish the location of the maritime boundary between the United States of America and the Republic of Cuba, shall not prejudice or affect the positions of either Party concerning: the nature of the sovereign rights exercised by States; the rules of international law with respect to the exercise of jurisdiction over the waters or seabed and subsoil; or any other matter relating to the law of the sea.

## ARTICLE V

This Agreement is subject to ratification in accordance with the respective constitutional procedures of the two States.

The Parties agree to apply the terms of this Agreement provisionally from January 1, 1978, for a period of two years, and it will enter into force permanently on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification.

Done at Washington, December 16, 1977, in English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the United States of America:

For the Government of the Republic of Cuba:

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Enclosure: Annex A—Chart of the maritime boundary between the United States and Cuba.

