

1. *Honduras*<sup>1</sup>

*Maritime delimitation treaty between the Republic of Honduras and the Republic of Cuba, 21 August 2012*

The Republic of Honduras and the Republic of Cuba, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

**Recalling** the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Parties, in the city of Havana, Cuba, on 16 November 1999, on the bilateral discussion and negotiation of their respective exclusive economic zones in the Caribbean Sea;

**Desiring** to delimit the exclusive economic zones and continental shelves of the two States, in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982;

**Conscious** of the duty to safeguard for their peoples the renewable and non-renewable natural resources located in the marine and submarine areas subject to their respective sovereignty, rights and jurisdiction;

**Recognizing** the traditional relations of friendship between the peoples of the two States;

Have agreed as follows:

**Article I**

1. To establish, based on the principle of equity, the delimitation line of the exclusive economic zone of the Republic of Honduras and the Republic of Cuba.
2. The delimitation line referred to in the preceding paragraph shall also serve as the boundary of the continental shelf between the Republic of Honduras and the Republic of Cuba.

**Article II**

1. The delimitation line referred to in the preceding article, which is the maritime boundary between the two States, is defined by the points with the following geodetic coordinates:

<b>Point</b>	<b>Latitude (North)</b>	<b>Longitude (West)</b>
CH-1	19° 32' 25". 80	84° 38' 30". 66
CH-2	19° 00' 00". 00	84° 29' 00". 00
CH-3	19° 00' 00". 00	84° 00' 00". 00
CH-4	19° 27' 57". 00	83° 35' 50". 00

2. The geodetic data are based on the 1866 Clarke ellipsoid and the North American Datum of 1927; the cartographic basis is Cuban Nautical Chart No. 3001, “Western Caribbean”, printed in 1999, and United Kingdom Chart No. 4401, “Gulf of Mexico”, printed in 1984.

**Article III**

The baseline vertices established and internationally decreed by the Parties were used as the reference for the course of the delimitation line.

<sup>1</sup> Registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations by Honduras on 13 March 2014. Registration No. I-51725. Entry into force: 11 December 2013 by the exchange of instruments of ratification, in accordance with article IX.

#### Article IV

The agreed delimitation line is indicated, for purposes of illustration only, on the chart annexed to the present Treaty; the chart is an integral and indivisible part of the Treaty. Where there are differences between the chart and the coordinates, the latter shall prevail.

#### Article V

1. The Parties agree to cooperate mutually on the development and implementation of programmes in the following areas:

- (a) Navigation safety;
- (b) Maritime search and rescue;
- (c) Hydrographic surveys;
- (d) Marine scientific research;
- (e) Preservation and protection of the marine environment;
- (f) Responses to illicit acts against the safety of maritime navigation and the illegal trafficking of drugs and migrants by sea; and
- (g) Other areas of common interest.

2. The programmes referred to in the preceding paragraph may be discussed and agreed in subsequent agreements.

#### Article VI

The present Treaty shall bind the Parties on a bilateral basis, without prejudice to any future position that they may freely adopt in any conference on the law of the sea or any other forum or international conference on the issue.

#### Article VII

The parties agree that neither shall claim or exercise, for any purpose, sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction over the waters, seabed, subsoil or resources located in the exclusive economic zone or the continental shelf of the other Party as delimited in the present Treaty.

#### Article VIII

The parties agree that any disputes that may arise from the implementation or interpretation of the present Treaty shall be settled through the means of peaceful settlement of disputes provided for in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.

#### Article IX

The present Treaty shall be signed and ratified by the Parties in accordance with their respective constitutional processes and shall come into force immediately upon the exchange of ratification documents.

Signed in the city of Comayagua, Honduras, on 21 August 2012, in duplicate originals in the Spanish language, both texts being equally authentic.

<b>For the Republic of Honduras</b> <i>(Signed)</i> Roberto Arita Quiñonez Coordinator of the Commission on Sovereignty and Borders Secretary of Foreign Affairs	<b>For the Republic of Cuba</b> <i>(Signed)</i> Rafael Dausa Céspedes Director of Consular Affairs and Cubans Living Abroad
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