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Decree No. 2019-273 of 3 April 2019 on the publication of the Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda concerning maritime delimitation in the Caribbean region, signed at Saint John's on 15 March 2017 (1)

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The President of the Republic,

On the report of the Prime Minister and the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs,

Considering the Constitution, in particular articles 52 to 55 thereof,

Considering Decree No. 53-192 of 14 March 1953, as amended, concerning the ratification and publication of the international commitments entered into by France,

Considering Decree No. 96-774 of 30 August 1996 publishing the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (with nine annexes), signed at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, and the Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, done at New York on 28 July 1994 (with one annex),

Hereby decrees:

Article 1 The Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda concerning maritime delimitation in the Caribbean region,

signed at Saint John's on 15 March 2017, shall be published in the Official Gazette of the French Republic.

Article 2 The Prime Minister and the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs shall be responsible, within their respective mandates, for the implementation of the present Decree, which shall be published in the Official Gazette of the French Republic.

Done on 3 April 2019.

By the President of the Republic, Emmanuel Macron

Édouard Philippe, Prime Minister

Jean-Yves Le Drian, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs

(1) Entry into force: 1 October 2018

Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda concerning maritime delimitation in the Caribbean region, signed at Saint John's on 15 March 2017

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

Considering that it is desirable to delimit the maritime zones in the Caribbean region over which the two States respectively exercise their sovereign rights or jurisdiction,

Considering that the relations between the French Republic and Antigua and Barbuda are based on the principle of good neighbourliness,

Having regard to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982, to which the French Republic and Antigua and Barbuda are Parties,

Recognizing the importance of the maritime environment for their peoples,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. This Agreement delimits the maritime zones of the French Republic and Antigua and Barbuda over which the two States respectively exercise or will exercise their sovereign rights or jurisdiction.

2. The lines of delimitation shall be based on equidistance, which is considered an equitable solution in this case.

3. If either of the Parties decides to establish, expand or alter maritime zones, it can only do so with due respect for the maritime delimitation established in this Agreement.

Article 2

The geographical coordinates of the points established in this Agreement are expressed in the geodetic reference system WGS 84 (World Geodetic System 1984).

Article 3

The line of delimitation between Saint-Barthélemy and Antigua and Barbuda shall consist of the rhumb lines connecting, in the order in which they are given, the following points identified by their geographical coordinates:

Point	Latitude (north)	Longitude (west)
A 1	18°17'37.0"	062°13'49.6"
A 2	18°09'38.3"	062°15'28.4"
A 3	18°01'30.4"	062°17'19.5"
A 4	17°55'03.7"	062°18'51.3"
A 5	17°51'07.2"	062°20'01.2"
A 6	17°46'20.8"	062°21'51.7"

A 7	17°41'46.2"	062°24'03.8"
A 8	17°40'34.9"	062°24'47.1"

From point A 1, the boundary shall extend along a rhumb line azimuth of 11.2 degrees until the maritime zones of the United Kingdom by virtue of Anguilla are reached.

From point A 8, the boundary shall extend along a rhumb line azimuth of 210.2 degrees until the maritime zones of Saint Kitts and Nevis are reached.

Article 4

The line of delimitation between Guadeloupe and Antigua and Barbuda shall consist of the rhumb lines connecting, in the order in which they are given, the following points identified by their geographical coordinates:

Point	Latitude (north)	Longitude (west)
B 1	16°41'32.1"	061°48'25.4"
B 2	16°43'49.2"	061°40'04.9"
B 3	16°49'04.7"	061°27'52.0"

B 4	16°53'02.1"	061°16'30.4"
B 5	16°59'43.2"	061°02'46.3"
B 6	17°15'27.3"	060°40'22.1"
B 7	17°34'03.1"	060°12'46.0"
B 8	17°46'37.0"	059°50'33.3"
B 9	18°08'33.2"	059°08'04.0"
B 10	18°25'46.1"	058°34'02.8"

From point B 1, the boundary shall extend along a rhumb line azimuth of 254.1 degrees until the maritime zones of the United Kingdom by virtue of Montserrat are reached.

From point B 10, the boundary shall extend along a rhumb line azimuth of 62.2 degrees until the outer limits of the maritime zones of Guadeloupe and Antigua and Barbuda are reached.

Article 5

The lines of delimitation as defined in articles 3 and 4 are drawn by way of illustration on the map in the annex to this Agreement.

Article 6

Any dispute between the Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled peacefully by consultation or negotiation, in accordance with international law.

Article 7

The Parties shall notify each other in writing of the completion of the domestic procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date of receipt of the last notification.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done at Saint John's, on 15 March 2017, in the French and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the French Republic:

Philippe Ardanaz

Ambassador of France to the States members of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

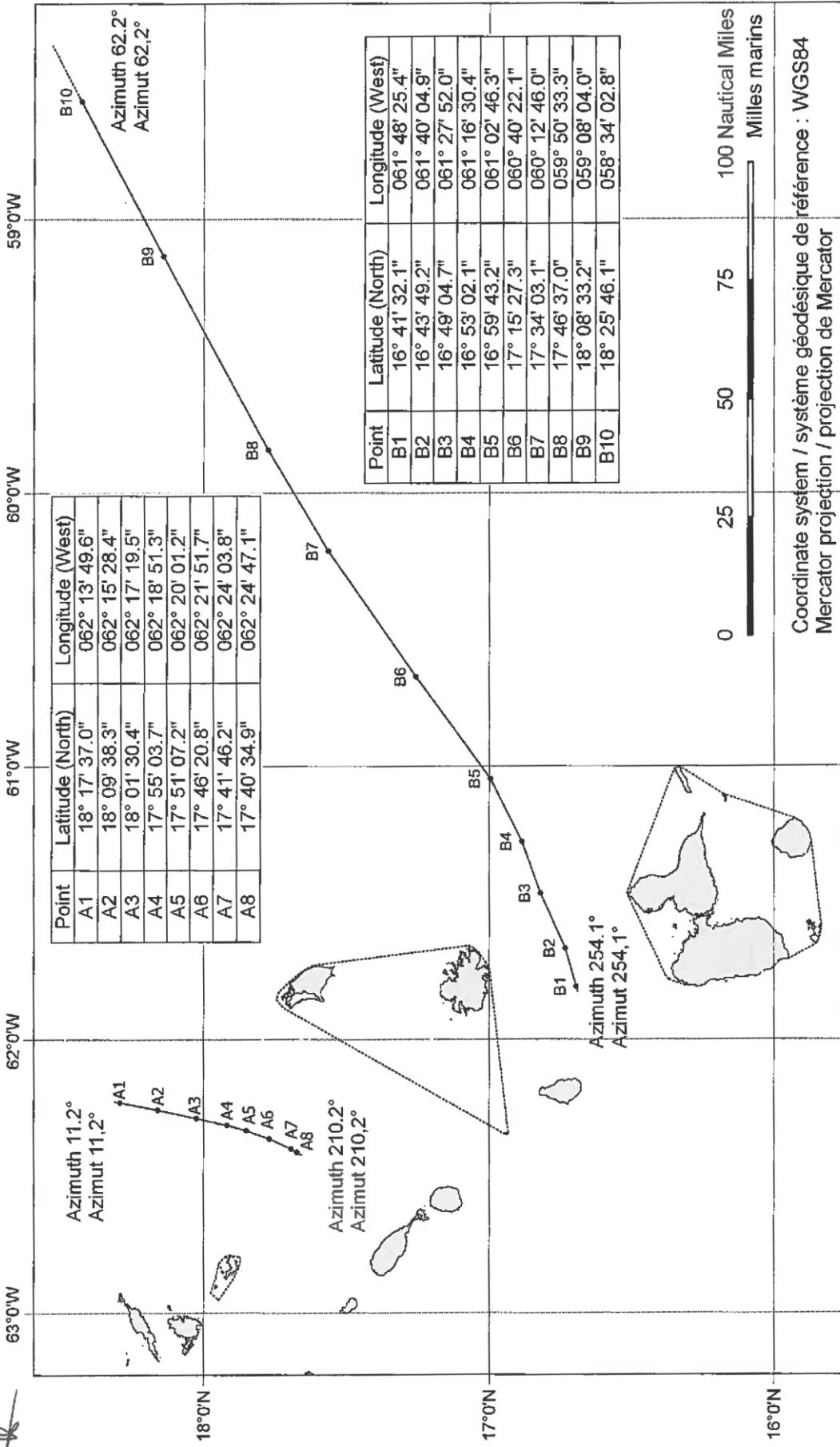
For the Government of Antigua and Barbuda:

Gaston Browne

Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

ANNEX

MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AND THE FRENCH REPUBLIC DELIMITATION MARITIME ENTRE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE ET ANTIGUA-ET-BARBUDA



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Illustrative map of the maritime boundary between Antigua and Barbuda and the French Republic
Carte illustrative de la délimitation maritime entre la République Française et Antigua-et-Barbuda