

MAURITANIA

Treaty on the Delimitation of the Maritime Frontier between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Republic of Cape Verde(1)

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde,

Guided by the spirit of friendship and cooperation existing between their two peoples,

Desiring to develop and strengthen the good neighbourly relations between their two countries,

Desiring to establish, through negotiations, the common maritime frontier separating the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the two countries,

Taking into account the work of the meeting of the Joint Technical Commission to delimit the maritime frontier between the two countries in particular the minutes, signed between the two Parties in Nouakchott on 23 March 2003 and in Praia on 7 May and 17 September 2003,

Taking into account the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, to which the two States are Parties,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two Parties shall establish, as the frontier in the overlapping maritime area separating the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the two States, a median line the points of which are equidistant from the nearest points on the baselines of the two countries.

Article 2

The baselines referred to in the preceding article are the archipelagic baselines of the Republic of Cape Verde and the normal baselines of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania from which the breadth of the territorial sea of each Party is measured in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982.

Article 3

1. The line embodying the common maritime frontier between the two countries, and its geographical coordinates as defined in conformity with article 1, are indicated in annex I to this Treaty.

2. The two Parties have agreed to use, in their work, the United States map

“Operational Navigation Chart”, series ONC J-1, Lambert conformal conic projection, scale 1/1,000,000, prepared and published by the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center, St. Louis, Missouri, revised edition of December 1979. They have used this map for drawing the line delimiting their common maritime frontier.

3. The map mentioned in the preceding paragraph has been authenticated by the signatories to this Treaty and appears in Annex I.

Article 4

The archipelagic lines of the Republic of Cape Verde and their geographical coordinates as defined in conformity with article 2 are indicated in annex II to this Treaty.

Article 5

The normal baselines of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania are defined by the low-water mark, as stated in annex III to this Treaty.

Article 6

The Parties shall agree to adopt as the common starting point of their common frontier line the southernmost point, designated as point H, the coordinates of which appear in annex I to this Treaty, which constitutes a tripartite frontier point for the Republic of Cape Verde, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Republic of Senegal.

Article 7

1. Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Treaty shall be settled by negotiation.

2. If, within a reasonable period of time and in conformity with the preceding paragraph, these negotiations fail to produce a settlement, the two Parties may have recourse to any other mutually agreed means of peaceful settlement, without prejudice to article 287 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982.

Article 8

The three annexes to this Treaty shall have the same force and legal value as the Treaty and form an integral part thereof.

Article 9

This Treaty shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the other Party of the later of the two instruments of ratification.

Article 10

This Treaty is drawn up in two originals, in Portuguese, French and Arabic, each text being equally authentic.

DONE at Praia on 19 September 2003.

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ANNEX I

LINE DELIMITING THE COMMON MARITIME FRONTIER BETWEEN
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF
CAPE VERDE

Article 1

The line delimiting the common maritime frontier separating the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of the two countries, referred to in article 3 of the Treaty on the Delimitation of the Maritime Frontier between the two Parties, is that defined by the following coordinates:

<i>Points</i>	<i>Latitude north</i>	<i>Longitude west</i>
H	16° 04.0'	019° 33.5'
I	16° 17.0'	019° 32.5'
J	16° 28.5'	019° 32.5'
K	16° 38.0'	019° 33.2'
L	17° 00.0'	019° 32.1'
M	17° 06.0'	019° 36.8'
N	17° 26.8'	019° 37.9'
O	17° 31.9'	019° 38.0'
P	17° 44.1'	019° 38.0'
Q	17° 53.3'	019° 38.0'
R	18° 02.5'	019° 42.1'
S	18° 07.8'	019° 44.2'
T	18° 13.4'	019° 47.0'
U	18° 18.8'	019° 49.0'
V	18° 24.0'	019° 51.5'
X	18° 28.8'	019° 53.8'
Y	18° 34.9'	019° 56.0'
Z	18° 44.2'	020° 00.0'

Article 2

The geometric configuration of the overlapping maritime area between the two

countries and the projection of the baseline of the maritime frontier mentioned above appear on the map included herewith.

ANNEX II

BASELINES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE

Article 1

The archipelagic baselines of the Republic of Cape Verde used as reference points for the delimitation of the maritime frontier between the two countries have been defined in accordance with the following coordinates, which were published in Law No. 60/IV/92 of 21 December 1992 of the Republic of Cape Verde.

<i>Points</i>	<i>Latitude north</i>	<i>Longitude west</i>	<i>Island</i>
O-Pta Cassaca	16° 50' 01.69"	22° 53' 50.14"	Sal
P-Ilheu Cascalho	16° 11' 31.04"	22° 40' 52.44"	Boa Vista
P1-Ilheu Baluarte	16° 09' 05.00"	22° 39' 45.00"	Boa Vista
Q-Pta Roque	16° 05' 09.83"	22° 40' 26.06"	Boa Vista
R-Pta Flamengas	15° 10' 03.89"	23° 05' 47.90"	Maio
S-	15° 09' 02.21"	23° 06' 24.98"	Maio

Article 2

The baselines mentioned above appear on the map in annex I.

ANNEX III

BASELINES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

Article 1

The baselines of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania used as a reference for the delimitation of the common maritime frontier with the Republic of Cape Verde are normal baselines defined in accordance with Ordinance No. 88.120 of 31 August 1988 of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Article 2

The baselines indicated above appear on the map in annex I.

Endnotes

1 (Note - Note)

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