

Treaty on Maritime Boundaries between the United Mexican States and the United States of America (Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean)
4 May 1978

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the United States of America:

Considering that the maritime boundaries between the two countries were determined for a distance of twelve nautical miles seaward by the Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the International Boundary between the United Mexican States and the United States of America, signed on November 23, 1970;

Taking note of the Decree adding to Article 27 of the Political Constitution of the United Mexican States to establish and Exclusive Economic Zone of Mexico outside the Territorial Sea, and of the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 establishing a fishery conservation zone off the coast of the United States;

Bearing in mind that, by an exchange of notes dated November 24, 1976, they provisionally recognized maritime boundaries between the two countries between twelve and two hundred nautical miles seaward in the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean;

Recognizing that the lines accepted by the exchange of notes dated November 24, 1976, are practical and equitable, and Desirous of avoiding the uncertainties and problems that might arise from the provisional character of the present maritime boundaries between twelve and two hundred nautical miles seaward.

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The United Mexican States and the United States of America agree to establish and recognize as their maritime boundaries in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Pacific Ocean, in addition to those established by the Treaty of November 23, 1970, the geodetic lines connecting the points whose coordinates are:

In the Western Gulf of Mexico

GM.W-1	25° 58' 30.57" Lat. N.	90° 55' 27.37" Long. W.
GM.W-2	26° 00' 31.00" Lat. N.	96° 48' 29.00" Long. W.
GM.W-3	26° 00' 30.00" Lat. N.	95° 39' 26.00" Long. W.
GM.W-4	25° 59' 48.28" Lat. N.	93° 26' 42.19" Long. W.

In the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

GM.E-1	25° 42' 13.05" Lat. N.	91° 05' 24.89" Long. W.
GM.E-2	25° 46' 52.00" Lat. N.	90° 29' 41.00" Long. W.
GM.E-3	25° 41' 56.52" Lat. N.	88° 23' 05.54" Long. W.

In the Pacific Ocean

OP-1	32° 35' 22.11" Lat. N.	117° 27' 49.42" Long. W.
OP-2	32° 37' 37.00" Lat. N.	117° 49' 31.00" Long. W.
OP-3	31° 07' 58.00" Lat. N.	118° 36' 18.00" Long. W.
OP-4	30° 32' 31.20" Lat. N.	121° 51' 58.37" Long. W.

The coordinates of the geodetic points referred to above were determined with reference to the 1927 North American Datum.

Article 2

North of the maritime boundaries established by Article 1, the United Mexican States shall not, and south of said boundaries, the United States of America shall not, claim or exercise for any purpose sovereign rights or jurisdiction over the waters or seabed and subsoil.

Article 3

The sole purpose of this Treaty is to establish the location of the maritime boundaries between the United Mexican States and the United States of America.

The maritime boundaries established by this Treaty shall not affect or prejudice in any manner the positions of either Party with respect to the extent of internal waters, of the territorial sea, of the high seas or of sovereign rights or jurisdiction for any other purpose.

Article 4

This Treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the instruments of ratification which shall take place in Washington, D.C. at the earliest possible date.

DONE at Mexico, May 4, 1978, in the Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the United Mexican States

For the Government of the United States of America