

**Muscat Agreement on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between the
Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
12 June 2000(1)**

The Government and people of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

Recalling the bonds of friendship and good-neighbourly relations existing between them,

Expressing their wish to delimit the maritime boundary between the two countries permanently, equitably and definitively in conformity with international law and relevant international conventions,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The maritime boundary between the exclusive economic zones of the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall be measured from baselines established in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982.

Article 2

The delimitation of the maritime boundary between the exclusive economic zones of the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall be based on the median line principle, in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982.

Article 3

The delimitation line between the exclusive economic zones of the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan shall be the geodesic lines, referred to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) joining a series of fixed points whose geographical coordinates, referred to WGS 84, are as follows:

Point No.	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
1	23 20' 48"	61 25' 00"
2	23 15' 22"	61 32' 48"
3	23 11' 40"	61 38' 11"
4	22 56' 35"	62 00' 51"
5	22 54' 37"	62 03' 50"
6	22 40' 37"	62 25' 17"
7	22 05' 01"	63 08' 23"
8	21 57' 13"	63 14' 21"
9	21 47' 24"	63 22' 13"

Article 4

The delimitation line between the exclusive economic zones of the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan defined in article 3 of this Agreement is illustrated on United Kingdom Admiralty Chart BA 38 (edition dated 6 March 1992) and United Kingdom Admiralty Chart BA 707 (edition dated 2 January 1997), a copy of each of which is attached hereto.(2)

Article 5

The Government of the Sultanate of Oman and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan recognize and acknowledge the sovereign rights of their respective States over the seabed, including the subsoil and superjacent waters, within the limits established pursuant to this Agreement.

Article 6

In the event of the discovery of an extension of any geological petroleum structure, individual oil or gas field, mineral or other natural resources that cross the delimitation line defined in article 3 of this Agreement, and the partial or full exploitation of the oil or gas field, mineral or other natural resources on one side of the delimitation line by means of directional drilling from the other side thereof, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) Exploitation of the aforementioned resources shall be undertaken by mutual agreement of the two States Parties. These resources shall be divided according to the then prevailing rules and customs of international law as well as the principles of justice and equity.
- (2) A zone of 125 metres width on either side of the delimitation line defined in article 3 of this Agreement shall not be exploited by either State Party except by mutual consent.
- (3) In the event of any dispute arising during the implementation of this article, the two States Parties shall do their utmost to reach agreement regarding the best ways of coordinating and unifying their operations on both sides of the delimitation line defined in article 3 of this Agreement.

Article 7

The delimitation line defined in article 3 of this Agreement is illustrated on the two charts mentioned in article 4 of this Agreement. The delimitation line has been drawn on these charts as precisely as is practical within the limitations imposed by their scale. These charts form an integral part of the Agreement, and have the same legal validity as the Agreement. The charts have been prepared in duplicate, and the two States Parties shall sign both sets and shall retain one set each.

Article 8

This Agreement shall be subject to ratification in accordance with the respective legal procedures of the two countries and shall come into force following the exchange of the instruments of ratification between them. A copy of the Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Article 9

DONE at Muscat on this 12th day of June 2000, in duplicate, in the Arabic and English languages, both texts being legally authentic. However, in the event of any divergence in the interpretation of the texts, the English version shall prevail.

For the Government of the Sultanate of Oman

For the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Endnotes

1 (Note - Note)

Source: Received from the Permanent Mission of Oman through note verbale, 5223/25220/30017/446, dated 12 August 2002, in English and Arabic

The Muscat Agreement on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary between the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan of 12 June 2000 has been registered jointly by Oman and Pakistan on 6 June 2002 under No. 38455.

The Muscat Agreement entered into force on 21 November 2000.

2 (Note - Note)

Charts not included.