

The Maroua Declaration (1 June 1975)

During the meeting held at MAROUA from May 30th to June 1st 1975, the two Heads of State of CAMEROON and NIGERIA agreed to extend the delineation of the maritime boundary between the two Countries from Point 12 to Point G on the Admiralty Chart No. 3433 annexed to this Declaration.

The delineated boundary adopted by the two Heads of State is defined as follows:

From Point 12 (Longitude 08° 24' 38" E and Latitude 04° 31' 26" N) situated at the end of the line of the maritime boundary adopted by the two Heads of State on April 4, 1971, the boundary line runs due West along a line parallel to and three miles from the straight line joining Tom Shot Point and Sandy Point up to a Point A Longitude 08° 24' 24" E and Latitude 04° 31' 30" N. Thence from Point A along a straight line to Point A1 Longitude 08° 24' 24" and Latitude 04° 31' 20" N which is one kilometre East of Buoy No. 3. The maritime boundary then continues along the same straight line to a Point B Longitude 08° 26' 32" Latitude 04° 24' 10" N one kilometre East of Buoy No. 2. Then from Point B the maritime boundary continues due South through Point C Longitude 08° 23' 42" E Latitude 04° 23' 28" N one kilometre East of Buoy No. 1 to a Point D Longitude 08° 22' 41" E Latitude 04° 20' 00" N where it intersects Latitude 04° 20'.

From Point D the maritime boundary runs in a South-Westerly direction to a Point E Longitude 08° 22' 17" E Latitude 04° 19' 32" N which is 550 metres from the straight line joining the Fairway Buoy and Buoy No. 1. From Point E the maritime boundary runs in a South-Easterly direction to a Point F Longitude 08° 22' 19" E Latitude 04° 18' 46" N one kilometre East of Fairway Buoy.

Then from Point F Longitude 08° 22' 19" E Latitude 04° 18' 46" N the maritime boundary runs Southerly parallel to the Meridian 08° 25' 00" to Point G Longitude 08° 22' 19" E Latitude 04° 17' 00" N as shown on the Admiralty Chart No. 3433.

The two Heads of State further reaffirmed their commitment to freedom and security of navigation in the Calabar/Cross River channel of ships of the two countries as defined by International Treaties and Conventions.

ANNEXES

Mr. President and Dear Brother,

I have the honour of drawing your esteemed attention to an error which slipped in the definition of the co-ordinates of point B on the line drawn with mutual agreement on chart 3433 and described in the Maroua Declaration.

In fact, the real co-ordinates of point B placed on the Maroua line are as follows:

B. Longitude: 8° 24' 10" E

Latitude: 4° 26' 32" N

and not 8° 26' 32" E and 4° 24' 10" N as mentioned in the Maroua Declaration.

The error results from the fact that at point B our experts inadvertently recorded the last 2 figures (minutes and seconds) of the latitude for the longitude and vice versa.

On my part I believe that your reply, recognizing the existence of this error and confirming that the real co-ordinates of point B are correct could be considered, on the same grounds as this letter, as valid annexes to the Maroua Declaration.

However, I am ready to examine any other suggestion which Your Excellency may advance with a view to correcting this error.

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My Dear President and Brother,

I thank you for your letter of 12th June on the subject of the Maroua Declaration, and for your kindness in pointing out the error which occurred in the definition of the co-ordinates of point B on the line drawn on chart 3433.

On careful examination, my experts have found that there was indeed an error, and I hereby confirm that the correct reading should be as follows:

"The Maritime boundary then continues along the same straight line to a point B Longitude 08° 24' 10" E Latitude 04° 26' 32" N, one kilometre East of Buoy No. 2."

I also agree that your letter No. A 31/f-CAB/PRUC of 12th June, and my reply should be considered as valid annexes to the Maroua Declaration.

May I take this opportunity to express again my gratitude and appreciation to you, your Government, the local authority and the people of Maroua for the generous hospitality, fraternal welcome and the many courtesies extended to me and members of my delegation during our visit to Maroua.