

**Agreement between the Republic of Cyprus and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the  
Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone  
17 February 2003**

The Republic of Cyprus and the Arab Republic of Egypt (hereinafter referred to as "the two Parties")  
Desiring to strengthen further the ties of good-neighbourliness and cooperation between the two countries;  
Recognizing the importance of the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone for the purpose of development in both countries;

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, to which the two countries are parties;  
Have agreed as follows;

**Article 1**

- (a) The delimitation of the exclusive economic zone between the two Parties is effected by the median line of which every point is equidistant from the nearest point on the baseline of the two Parties.
- (b) The median line and its limits is defined by points 1 to 8 according to the list of geographical coordinates annexed to this Agreement (annex I).
- (c) The median line, as determined, appears graphically on the Official Hydrographic Chart published by the British Admiralty, No. 183 (Ras at Tin to Iskenderun), scale 1/1,100,000 (annex II).
- (d) At the request of either of the two Parties, any further improvement on the positional accuracy of the median line will be agreed upon by the two Parties using the same principles, when more accurate data are available.
- (e) Taking into consideration article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, the geographical coordinates of points 1 and 8 could be reviewed and/or extended as necessary in the light of future delimitation of the exclusive economic zone with other concerned neighbouring States and in accordance with an agreement to be reached in this matter by the neighbouring States concerned.

**Article 2**

In case there are natural resources extending from the exclusive economic zone of one Party to the exclusive economic zone of the other, the two Parties shall cooperate in order to reach an agreement on the modalities of the exploitation of such resources.

**Article 3**

If either of the two Parties is engaged in negotiations aimed at the delimitation of its exclusive economic zone with another State, that Party, before reaching a final agreement with the other State, shall notify and consult the other Party, if such delimitation is in connection with coordinates 1 or 8.

**Article 4**

- (a) Any dispute arising from the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic channels in a spirit of understanding and cooperation.
- (b) In case the two Parties do not settle the dispute within a reasonable period of time through diplomatic channels, the dispute will be referred to arbitration.

**Article 5**

1. This Agreement is subject to ratification according to the constitutional procedures in each country.
2. This Agreement shall enter into force upon the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

DONE in duplicate at Cairo this 17th day of February 2003 in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of differences of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of the Republic of Cyprus

For the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

ANNEX I

List of geographical coordinates of points 1 to 8  
defining the median line and its limits annexed to the Agreement between the Republic of Cyprus  
and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone

| Point | Latitude    | Longitude   |
|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 1     | 33° 45' 00" | 30° 05' 00" |
| 2     | 33° 34' 00" | 30° 28' 30" |
| 3     | 33° 30' 40" | 30° 36' 40" |
| 4     | 33° 21' 20" | 31° 07' 00" |
| 5     | 33° 11' 30" | 31° 36' 30" |
| 6     | 33° 07' 20" | 32° 01' 20" |
| 7     | 33° 00' 40" | 32° 31' 00" |
| 8a/   | 32° 53' 20" | 32° 58' 20" |

a/ The geographical coordinates of points 1 and 8 could be reviewed and/or extended as necessary in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

NOTE 1: The median line, as determined, appears graphically on the Official Hydrographic Chart published by the British Admiralty, No.183 (Ras at Tin to Iskenderun), scale 1/1,100,000, annex II to the above Agreement. The positional accuracy of the median line and the derived geographical coordinates of the turning points 1 to 8 are those of the above-mentioned British chart.

NOTE 2: Any further improvement on the positional accuracy of the median line will be agreed upon by the two Parties using the same principles, when more accurate data are available.

Ministry of Interior The Director of the Egyptian

Department of Lands and Surveys Hydrographic Unit      Hydrographic Department

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