

Treaty between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation on the Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone and the Continental Shelf in the Baltic Sea. 24 October 1997

The Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Guided by the desire to deepen and broaden the good-neighbourly relations between them in accordance with the provisions and principles of the Charter of the United Nations Organization and affirming the adherence to the obligations undertaken in the framework of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe,

Proceeding from the provisions of the Treaty on the Bases of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic of 29 July 1991 and the Agreement between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic on the Cooperation with respect to the Economic and Socio-cultural Development of the Kaliningrad Region of the RSFSR of 29 July 1991,

Considering the mutual aspiration of the Parties to secure the protection and the rational use of the natural resources as well as other interests in the maritime areas adjacent to their coasts in accordance with international law,

Guided by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, aspiring to delimit the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation,

Taking into account the existing international practice to delimit marine areas in order to arrive at an equitable result,

Have agreed the following:

Article 1

The line of delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation starts from the junction point of the outer limit of the territorial sea of the Parties and continues to the junction point of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of a third party by means of straight lines (loxodromes) that join points whose sequence and geographical coordinates are indicated in article 2 of the present Treaty.

The geographical coordinates of the points of the above-mentioned line are calculated in the World Geodetic System of coordinates of 1984 (WGS 84), applied on Lithuanian maritime chart No. 82001, published in 1996, and in the system of coordinates of 1942, applied on the Russian maritime chart No. 22055, published in 1997.

The above mentioned maritime charts with the plotted line of delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf between the Republic of Lithuania and the Russian Federation are appended to the present Treaty and are an integral part of it.

Article 2

The geographical coordinates of the points mentioned in article 1 of the present Treaty are the following:

In the system of coordinates WGS 84, the points:

1. 55° 23,040'N. lat. 20° 39,227'E. long.
2. 55° 38,175'N. lat. 19° 55,466'E. long.
3. 55° 55,420'N. lat. 19° 02,805'E. long.

In the system of coordinates 1942 the points:

1. 55° 23,053'N. lat. 20° 39,243'E. long.
2. 55° 38,189'N. lat. 19° 55,583'E. long.
3. 55° 55,435'N. lat. 19° 02,923'E. long.

The geographical coordinates of the junction point of the line mentioned in article 1 of the present Treaty, with the boundary of the exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of a third party, will be defined with the latter's participation.

If a discrepancy occurs between the line determined according to the geographic coordinates established in the present article and the line depicted on the charts, appended to the present Treaty, the Parties will be guided by the above-mentioned geographic coordinates.

Article 3

If the line delimiting the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf intersects an oil and/or gas deposit, the Parties shall strive to agree to settle any problems arising out of such deposits according to generally recognized international law rules and principles based on the rights of each Party to the natural resources of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf.

Article 4

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the implementation of the present Treaty shall be settled by consultations or negotiations according to international law.

Article 5

The present Treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the day on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

DONE at Moscow on 24 October 1997 in duplicate in the Lithuanian and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Republic of Lithuania

For the Russian Federation