

B. Bilateral TreatiesMexico and Honduras

Treaty on maritime delimitation
between the Government of the United Mexican States
and the Government of the Republic of Honduras
Tegucigalpa, 18 April 2005¹

The Government of the United Mexican States and the Government of the Republic of Honduras, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,

Desiring to delimit their exclusive economic zones in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982;

Recalling that article 74 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea provides that the delimitation of the exclusive economic zone between States with opposite or adjacent coasts shall be effected by agreement on the basis of international law, as referred to in Article 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in order to achieve an equitable solution;

Committed to the negotiation of a treaty on the limits of their respective exclusive economic zones, which began in July 2003, in the framework of the Caribbean Conference on Maritime Delimitation, convened by the Government of the United Mexican States;

Recognizing the traditional relations of friendship and fraternity between the peoples and Governments of the two States;

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

The maritime boundary between the United Mexican States and the Republic of Honduras in the Caribbean Sea is delineated by geodesic lines that connect the points located at the following coordinates:

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>	<i>Reference system</i>
HM1	N 17 47 06.175	W 86 09 18.380	ITRF 92/WGS 84 (1150)
HM2	N 17 57 23.163	W 85 54 31.411	ITRF 92/WGS 84 (1150)
HM3	N 18 11 34.596	W 85 31 07.461	ITRF 92/WGS 84 (1150)
HM4	N 19 08 29.893	W 85 07 12.812	ITRF 92/WGS 84 (1150)
HM5	N 19 26 55.507	W 84 45 02.434	ITRF 92/WGS 84 (1150)
XIX	N 19 32 25.800	W 84 38 30.660	NAD 27

Note: The point designated as HM1 is the trijunction point between Mexico, Honduras and Belize. The point designated as XIX is the trijunction point between Mexico, Honduras and Cuba.

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The agreed maritime boundary is indicated, for purposes of illustration only, on the map signed by the Plenipotentiaries and annexed to the present Treaty. The Parties agree that, where there are differences between the map and the coordinates, the latter shall prevail.

Article II

The Parties agree to cooperate mutually in the delimited zone for the protection and preservation of the marine environment in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and may, at an appropriate time, establish a maritime affairs commission to coordinate such cooperation activities, which may include programmes in the following areas:

- (a) Navigation safety;
- (b) Search and rescue;
- (c) Hydrographic surveys;
- (d) Scientific research;
- (e) Environmental preservation and protection; and
- (f) Other areas of common interest.

These programmes may be discussed and agreed upon by the two Governments in subsequent agreements.

Article III

In the event of the discovery of hydrocarbon deposits straddling the boundary or shared by the two countries, the Parties agree to share any information that might facilitate further investigation of such deposits and to conclude an agreement that will allow for the efficient and equitable exploitation of the deposits.

Article IV

Neither Party may claim or exercise, for any purpose, sovereignty, sovereign rights or jurisdiction with respect to the waters, seabed or subsoil of the maritime areas of the other Party as delimited in the present Treaty.

Article V

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of the present Treaty shall be settled by the two Governments through the means of peaceful settlement of disputes provided for in Article 33 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Article VI

The present Treaty shall enter into force thirty (30) days from the date of the last of the communications in which the two Parties notify each other in writing, through the diplomatic channel, of the fulfilment of the legal formalities necessary for this purpose.

Signed in the city of Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., Honduras, on 18 April 2005, in duplicate originals in the Spanish language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the
United Mexican States
(Signed) Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista
Minister for Foreign Affairs

For the Government of the
Republic of Honduras
(Signed) Leónidas Rosa Bautista
Minister for Foreign Affairs

