

ANNEX 1

Executive Branch¹⁹ Executive Decree No. PCM 007-2000 The
President of the Republic, in the Council of Ministers,

Whereas:

The National Congress issued the Law on Maritime Spaces of Honduras by means of Legislative Decree No. 172-99 of October 30, 1999; published in *La Gaceta* No. 29,054, of December 23, 1999, and said Law authorizes the Executive Branch to establish straight baselines, as appropriate;

It is necessary to establish such baselines for the purpose of determining the maritime spaces of Honduras in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10, 1982, and in accordance with the Law on Maritime Spaces of Honduras, in order to enable Honduras to establish maritime boundaries with neighboring States, both in the Caribbean Sea and in the Pacific Ocean;

Therefore:

By virtue of the powers vested in him by Article 245(1), (2), and (11), and Article 252 of the Constitution of Honduras, and Article 11, Article 17, and Article 22(9), (10), ([?] 16), and (117) of the General Government Services Act and Article 16(1) of the Law on Maritime Spaces of Honduras,

Hereby decrees:

Article 1. The straight baselines in the Caribbean Sea and in the Pacific Ocean which shall be used to delimit the territorial sea, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, and continental shelf shall be established as follows:

The straight baselines for the delimitation of the maritime spaces to which Article 3 of the Law on Maritime Spaces of Honduras refers shall be as follows:

(A) On the Atlantic Coasts of the Caribbean Sea: From the last marker of the land boundary between Honduras and Guatemala on the right bank of the mouth of the Motagua River, known as Station 233, with coordinates based on the Ocotepaque Datum, Point 1, 15° 43' 28.80" north latitude, 88° 13' 24.59" west longitude, to Point 2, the northern part of Punta Caballos, with the following coordinates: 15° 51' 50" north latitude, 87° 85' 55" west longitude.

From Point 3, with the following coordinates 15° 55' 25" north latitude, 87° 43' 25" west longitude, located west of the mouth of the Ulua River, to Point 4, the northern part of Punta Sul, with the following coordinates: 15° 55' 50" north latitude, 87° 32' 55" west longitude.

From Point 4 to the lighthouse ruins located on the western end of Utila Island, Point 5, with the following coordinates: 16° 05' 23" north latitude, 86° 59' 22" west longitude.

From Point 6, located at Blackish Point, with the following coordinates: 16° 07' 18" north latitude, 86° 56' 05" west longitude, on Utila Island, to Point 7, on the eastern part of Roatan Island known as Half Moon, with the following coordinates: 16° 18' 19" north latitude, 86° 35' 45" west longitude.

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From Point 8, the eastern part of Roatan Island, known as Red Cliff, with the following coordinates: 16° 25' 48" north latitude, 86° 11' 52" west longitude, to Point 9 on Morat Island, with the following coordinates: 16° 26' 07" north latitude, 86° 11' 14" west longitude.

From Point 9 to Point 10 on Barbareta Island, known as Trunk Turtle Beach, with the following coordinates: 16° 26' 48" north latitude, 86° 08' 40" west longitude.

From Point 10, to Point 11 o Guanaja Island, known as Black Point, with the following coordinates: 16° 30' 51" north latitude, 85° 51' 48" west longitude.

From Point 12, Black Rock Point, on Guanaja Island, with the following coordinates 16° 29' 53" north latitude, 85° 48' 55" west longitude, to Point 13, the Camaron Triangulation Station, on Cabo Camaron, with the following coordinates: 15° 59' 09" north latitude, 85° 01' 32" west longitude.

From Point 13 to Point 14 at Punta Patuca, west of the mouth of the Patuca River, with the following coordinates: 15° 48' 58" north latitude, 84° 18' 20" west longitude.

From Point 14 to Point 15, on the left bank of the mouth of the Cruta River, with the following coordinates: 15° 15' 15" north latitude to 83° 23' 28" west longitude.

From the Point on the left bank to another point on the right bank of the mouth of the Cruta River, Point 16, with the following coordinates: 15° 14' 59" north latitude, 83° 23' 07" west longitude.

From the Point on the right bank of the Cruta River to Point 17, the termination of the land boundary between Honduras and Nicaragua at the mouth of the Coco (Wanks) or Segovia River on Cape Gracias a Dios, with the following coordinates: 14° 59.8' north latitude, 83° 08.9' west longitude.

(B) In the Pacific Ocean, the straight baseline is the proportional segment

corresponding to Honduras on the baseline common to the three Gulf of Fonseca coastal States, which in turn is part of the closing line or 'mouth line' of the Gulf, between Punta Amapala in El Salvador and Punta Cosiguina in Nicaragua, all in accordance with the terms of the judgement rendered by the International Court of Justice on September 11, 1992, settling the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute between the Republics of Honduras and El Salvador.

The territorial sea and other Honduran maritime spaces shall be measured from the line segment corresponding to Honduras.

Article 2. The above-mentioned lines appear on the General Map of Honduras, scale 1:1,000,000, which is attached hereto and which shall be duly published pursuant to the norms of international law currently in force.

Article 3. For those segments of continental coastline for which the drawing of straight baselines was not considered, the baseline shall be the low-water line.

Article 4. On the islands under Honduran sovereignty in the Caribbean Sea, such as Swan Island, Cayo Gorda, and Cayo Sur, the baselines of the corresponding maritime spaces shall be the low-water line along the coast, from which the maritime spaces will be measured.

Article 5. With the exception of Station 233, all coordinates of the end points of straight baselines are based on the North American 1927 Datum.

Article 6. For purposes of compliance with Article 16(1) of the Law on Maritime Spaces of Honduras, the Ministry of Foreign Relations is instructed to inform the National Congress of the text of this Decree.

Article 7. In accordance with Article 16(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, one copy of the map and the list of geographic coordinates indicating the baselines established in this Decree shall be deposited with the U.N. Secretary General.

Article 8. This Decree shall enter into force as of the date of its publication in *La Gaceta*.

Done at the Presidential Palace, Tegucigalpa, Municipality of the Central District, on this 21st day of March in the year 2000.

To be reported and published.

Carlos R. Flores
President of Honduras