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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 23 of 1986**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Continental Shelf Act, Chap. 1:52

*[Assented to 7th November, 1986]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Continental Shelf Short title  
(Amendment) Act, 1986.

Chap. 1:52  
amended

2. The Continental Shelf Act is amended—

(a) in section 2, by substituting a new definition of “Continental Shelf” as follows:

“ “Continental Shelf” means the seabed and subsoil of the submarine areas of Trinidad and Tobago that extend beyond its territorial sea throughout the natural prolongation of its land territory to the outer edge of its Continental Margin, or to a distance of two hundred nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Trinidad and Tobago is measured where the outer edge of the Continental Margin does not extend up to that distance;”;

(b) by inserting in appropriate sequence the following:

“ “Continental Margin” means the submerged prolongation of the land mass of Trinidad and Tobago consisting of the seabed and subsoil, the slope and the rise of the Continental Shelf determined in accordance with the provisions of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;”;

(c) by inserting a new section 2A immediately after section 2 as follows:

<sup>“Continental margin”</sup> 2A. The Minister with responsibility for External Affairs may—

(a) establish the outer edge of the Continental Margin wherever the margin extends beyond 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea of Trinidad and Tobago is measured; and

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- (b) cause a copy of charts and relevant information including geodetic data, permanently describing the outer limits of the Continental Shelf of Trinidad and Tobago to be deposited with the Secretary General of the United Nations.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 18th day of August, 1986.

R. L. GRIFFITH  
*Acting Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of October, 1986.

M. CARRINGTON  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*