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and
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MARITIME BOUNDARY TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela,

Reaffirming the cordial relations between the two countries,

Conscious of the need to establish a precise and equitable maritime boundary,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The sole purpose of this Treaty is to establish, in accordance with international law, the maritime boundary between the United States of America and the Republic of Venezuela.

Article 2. The maritime boundary between the United States of America and Venezuela is determined by the geodetic lines connecting points 1-22, having the following coordinates:

<i>Latitude (North)</i>	<i>Longitude (West)</i>
1. 16°44'49"	64°01'08"
2. 16°43'22"	64°06'31"
3. 16°43'10"	64°06'59"
4. 16°42'40"	64°08'06"
5. 16°41'43"	64°10'07"
6. 16°35'19"	64°23'39"
7. 16°23'30"	64°45'54"
8. 15°39'31"	65°58'41"
9. 15°30'10"	66°07'09"
10. 15°14'06"	66°19'57"
11. 14°55'48"	66°34'30"
12. 14°56'06"	66°51'40"
13. 14°58'27"	67°04'19"
14. 14°58'45"	67°05'17"
15. 14°58'58"	67°06'11"
16. 14°59'10"	67°07'00"
17. 15°02'32"	67°23'40"
18. 15°05'07"	67°36'23"
19. 15°10'38"	68°03'46"

¹ Came into force on 24 November 1980 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Washington, in accordance with article 6.

	<i>Latitude (North)</i>	<i>Longitude (West)</i>
20.	15°11'06"	68°09'21"
21.	15°12'33"	68°27'32"
22.	15°12'51"	68°28'56"

and along an azimuth of 274.23 degrees true from point 22, in the event that the maritime boundary of the United States of America extends westward, until the trijunction with a third State is reached. In no case shall this trijunction point be further westward than latitude 15°14'28"N longitude 68°51'44"W.

Article 3. The latitude and longitude of the points described in article 2 have been determined on the 1927 North American Datum, Clarke 1866 ellipsoid.

The maritime boundary has, for illustrative purposes only, been depicted on nautical chart No. 25000, published by the Hydrographic Center, Defense Mapping Agency, Washington, D.C., Sixth Edition, February 12, 1977, which is annexed to and forms an integral part of this Treaty.¹

Article 4. It is understood by the two Governments that south of the maritime boundary the United States of America shall not, and north of the maritime boundary the Republic of Venezuela shall not, for any purpose, claim or exercise sovereign rights or jurisdiction over the waters or seabed and subsoil. The establishment of this maritime boundary does not affect or prejudice in any manner the positions of either Government with respect to the sovereign rights or jurisdiction of either State, the rules of international law concerning the exercise of jurisdiction over the waters or seabed and subsoil, or any other matter relating to the law of the sea.

Article 5. Any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Treaty shall be resolved by direct negotiations between the two Governments.

Article 6. This Treaty is subject to ratification in accordance with the constitutional procedures of the two States, and will enter into force on the date of exchange of instruments of ratification.

¹ See insert in a pocket at the end of this volume.

DONE at Caracas, March 28, 1978, in two copies, each in English and Spanish, both texts being equally authentic.

HECHO en la ciudad Caracas, el día 28 del mes de marzo del año de mil novecientos setenta y ocho, en dos ejemplares, cada uno en idioma inglés y español, siendo ambos textos igualmente auténticos.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

Por el Gobierno
de los Estados Unidos de América:

[Signed — Signé]¹

For the Government
of the Republic of Venezuela:

Por el Gobierno
de la República de Venezuela:

[Signed — Signé]²

¹ Signed by Cyrus R. Vance — Signé par Cyrus R. Vance.

² Signed by S. Consalvi — Signé par S. Consalvi.