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**ALGERIA
and
MAURITANIA**

**Convention concerning the demarcation of the State frontier
(with annexes). Signed at Algiers on 13 December 1983**

Authentic texts: Arabic and French.

Registered by Algeria on 21 August 1985.

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et
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**Convention relative au bornage de la frontière d'État (avec
annexes). Signée à Alger le 13 décembre 1983**

Textes authentiques : arabe et français.

Enregistrée par l'Algérie le 21 août 1985.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

CONVENTION¹ CONCERNING THE DEMARCATION OF THE STATE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and
The Islamic Republic of Mauritania,

Considering the close geographical, historical, economic, cultural and social links which have always existed between the people of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the people of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the awareness of their common destiny in the context of the Greater Arab Maghreb,

Desiring to consolidate the fraternal and good-neighbourly relations between the two countries and to promote the closest and most fruitful co-operation between them in all fields,

Seeking to promote the building of the Greater Arab Maghreb by consolidating the fraternal relations which exist between the States and peoples of the Maghreb and by developing their relations in a harmonious and continuous manner,

Determined to work for the maintenance of justice, peace and security in the world and to unite their efforts with a view to ensuring respect for and the application of the principles set forth in the Charters of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,²

Convinced that the demarcation of the common frontier between the two States, in accordance with the principle of the inviolability of frontiers inherited at independence, as set forth in resolution AHG/Res.16 of the Organization of African Unity, which states that "all Member States pledge themselves to respect the borders existing on their achievement of national independence", constitutes an appropriate means of achieving these objectives,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The State frontier between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, as inherited at the accession to independence of each of the two countries, shall be represented by a straight line, the extreme eastern point of which is situated at geographic co-ordinates:

— Longitude: 4°50'00.0" West of the international meridian

— Latitude: 25°00'00.0" North

and which passes through the well known as "Hassi 75", jointly recognized by the two Parties, and ends at an extreme western point on longitude line 8°40'00.0", each of these three points being demarcated by a frontier mark.

¹ Came into force on 11 March 1984, the date of the last of the ratifications by the two States (effected on 3 and 11 March 1984), in accordance with article 11.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 479, p. 39.

Article 2. The demarcation operations shall be supervised by the Algerian-Mauritanian Mixed Frontier Demarcation Commission. A Mixed Technical Group, to be appointed by this Commission, shall conduct the demarcation operations, which shall be completed by 1 March 1984.

For the purpose of carrying out the demarcation operations, the Mixed Technical Group shall determine the geographic co-ordinates of the well known as "Hassi 75" and the latitude of the extreme western point.

The High Contracting Parties may decide, if necessary, to jointly erect additional frontier marks in accordance with the frontier line and the provisions of this Convention.

The demarcation operations shall be concluded by means of a record initialled and signed by the Co-Chairmen of the Algerian-Mauritanian Mixed Frontier Demarcation Commission.

Article 3. The following documents shall be annexed to this Convention, of which they shall form an integral part:

1. The record of the conclusion of the demarcation operations;
2. The record cards of the frontier marks with their geographic co-ordinates;
3. The available 1:1,000,000 and 1:200,000 scale maps showing the frontier marks and the frontier line;
4. The list of co-ordinates of the frontier marks indicating the frontier between the two States;
5. The list of geographic co-ordinates indicating the course of the frontier at intervals of five minutes.

Article 4. The file of all preparatory operations for the demarcation of the common frontier of the two States shall be deposited, duly stamped and initialled, with the cartographic authority of each of the two countries.

Article 5. The High Contracting Parties shall draw up joint maps on the scales 1:200,000 and 1:1,000,000 indicating the location of the frontier marks.

The maps drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph of this article and the co-ordinates of the frontier marks shall henceforth serve as a reference for any cartographic activity.

Article 6. The land frontier as defined by the frontier marks under this Convention shall also delimit vertically the airspace between the two States as well as rights to the subsoil.

Article 7. The High Contracting Parties may, if they deem it necessary, undertake inspection of the frontier marks, either jointly or separately, for the purpose of ascertaining that they are in good condition.

In the event of the destruction, displacement or disappearance of one or more frontier marks, the Contracting Parties shall jointly replace or reconstruct them in accordance with the geographic co-ordinates specified for the said frontier marks in this Convention.

Article 8. The High Contracting Parties shall be jointly responsible for defraying the costs of maintaining the frontier marks.

Article 9. The High Contracting Parties shall take all necessary steps to protect the frontier marks. They may also prosecute any individual who has damaged, destroyed or displaced the said frontier marks.

Article 10. The High Contracting Parties undertake to respect the inviolability of the common frontier of the two States.

Article 11. This Convention shall be subject to ratification in accordance with the procedures in force in each of the two States.

Article 12. This Convention shall be registered with the Secretariat of the United Nations by the Contracting Parties or by either one of those Parties, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

This Convention is drawn up in two original copies in the Arabic and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Algiers on 8 Rabi' I A.H. 1404, corresponding to 13 December A.D. 1983.

For the People's Democratic
Republic of Algeria:

[Signed]

CHADLI BENJEDID

For the Islamic Republic
of Mauritania:

[Signed]

MOHAMED KHOUNA OULD HAIDALLA

ANNEXES

RECORD OF THE CONCLUSION OF OPERATIONS TO DEMARCATÉ THE STATE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention concerning the Demarcation of the State Frontier between the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, signed at Algiers on 13 December 1983, and in particular with article 2 thereof, the Mixed Demarcation Commission met at Algiers on 17 and 18 Rajab A.H. 1405, corresponding to 8 and 9 April A.D. 1985, under the chairmanship of their Excellencies:

Mr. Yala M'Hamed, Member of the Political Bureau, Minister of the Interior and Local Communities;

Lieutenant-Colonel Djebri Ould Abdallah, Member of the Military Committee for National Salvation, Minister of the Interior.

The meeting was attended by:

For Algeria:

Mr. Djadri M'Barek, Ambassador of Algeria to Mauritania;

Mr. Mihoubi El-Mihoub, Director, Department of Arab States, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Commander Halima-Mansour Ali, Director, National Institute of Cartography, Ministry of National Defence;

Mr. Laala Mohamed, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Lieutenant Zerhoubi Omar, Ministry of National Defence;
Mr. Belkaid Zaky Abbas, National Institute of Cartography;
Mr. Tirane Abdelkader, National Institute of Cartography;
Mr. Beldjoudi Abderrahmane, National Institute of Cartography.

For Mauritania:

Mr. Mohamed El-Hanchi Ould Mohamed Salah, Ambassador of Mauritania to Algeria;
Mr. Bamba Ould Yezid, Inspector-General of Territorial Administration, Ministry of the Interior;
Mr. Sarr Mamadou, Director of Topography, Ministry of Equipment and Transport;
Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Ahmed, Director of Territorial Administration, Ministry of the Interior;
Mr. Dah Ould Abdeljalil, Director of Civil Defence, Ministry of the Interior.

Having examined and approved the results of all operations preparatory to the demarcation of the common frontier of the two States, as contained in the file, duly stamped, initialled and deposited with the national cartographic authority of each of the two countries, and having established that the demarcation operations were indeed carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Convention, the Mixed Demarcation Commission takes note of the conclusion of operations to demarcate the common frontier of the two States.

It congratulates the Mixed Technical Group on the quality of the work carried out in a fraternal and mutually rewarding atmosphere which prevailed throughout the operation.

This Record is drawn up in two original copies in the Arabic and French languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Algiers on 18 Rajab A.H. 1405, corresponding to 9 April A.D. 1985.

For the People's Democratic
Republic of Algeria:

[Signed]

His Excellency YALA M'HAMED

For the Islamic Republic
of Mauritania:

[Signed]

His Excellency
Lieutenant-Colonel DJEBRIL
OULD ABDALLAH

ALGERIA-MAURITANIA FRONTIER

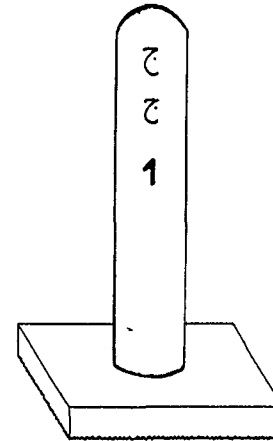
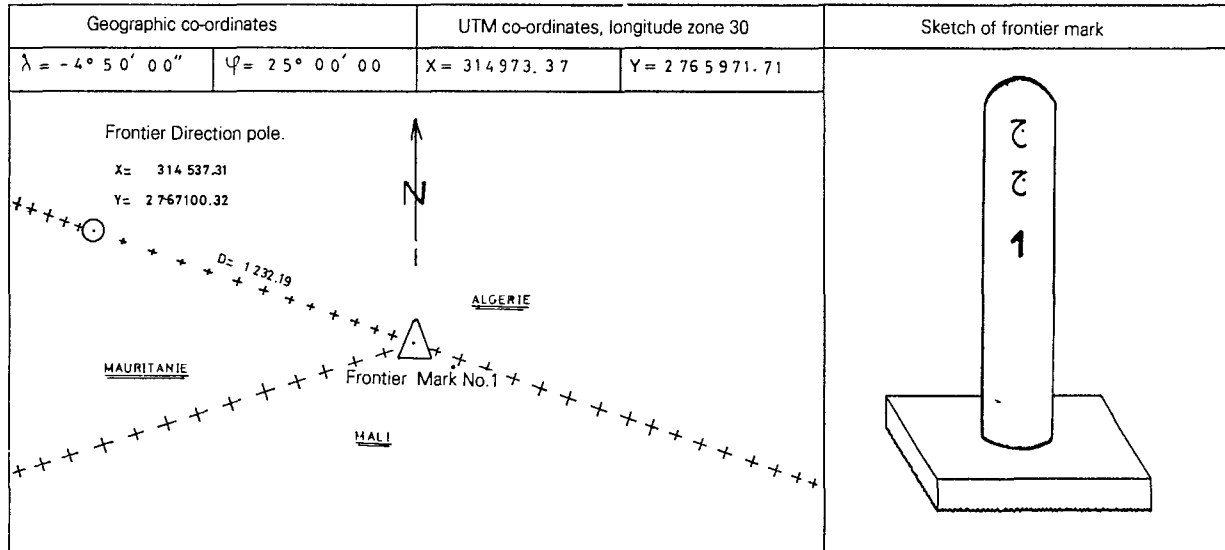
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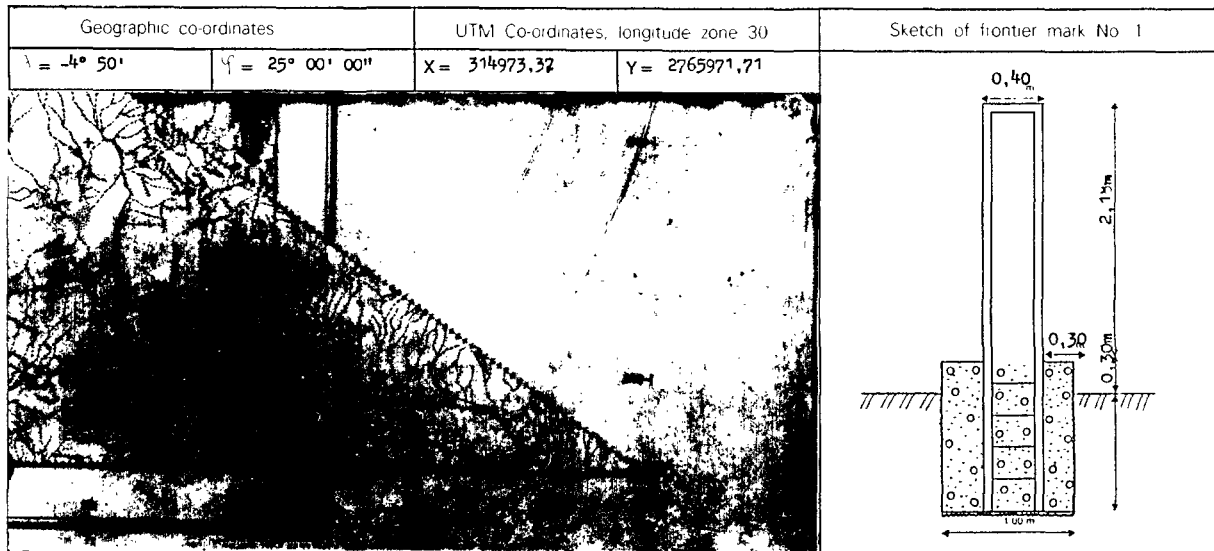
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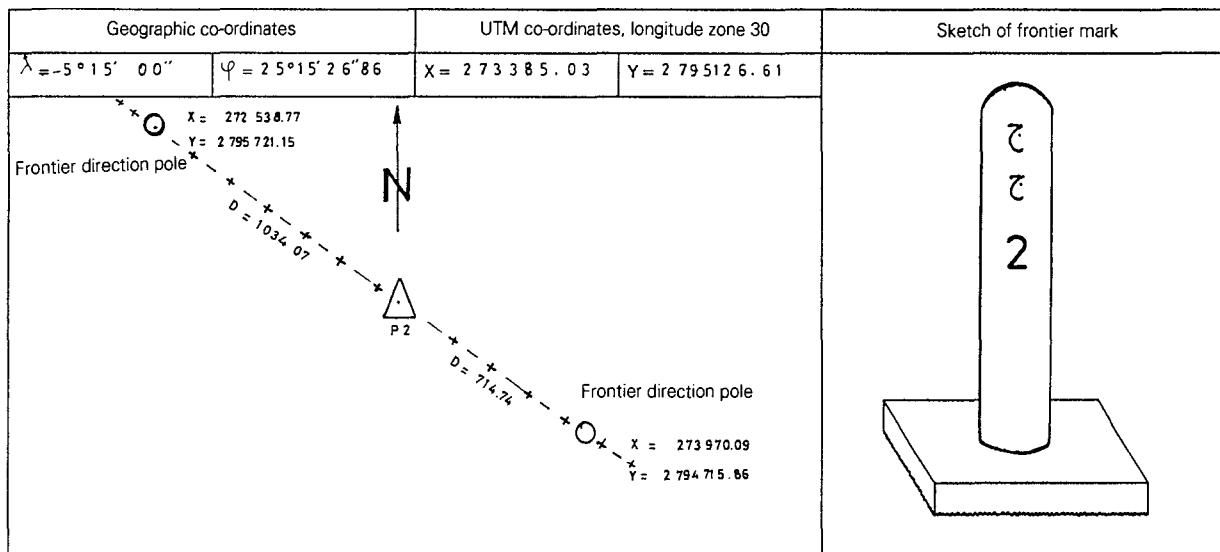
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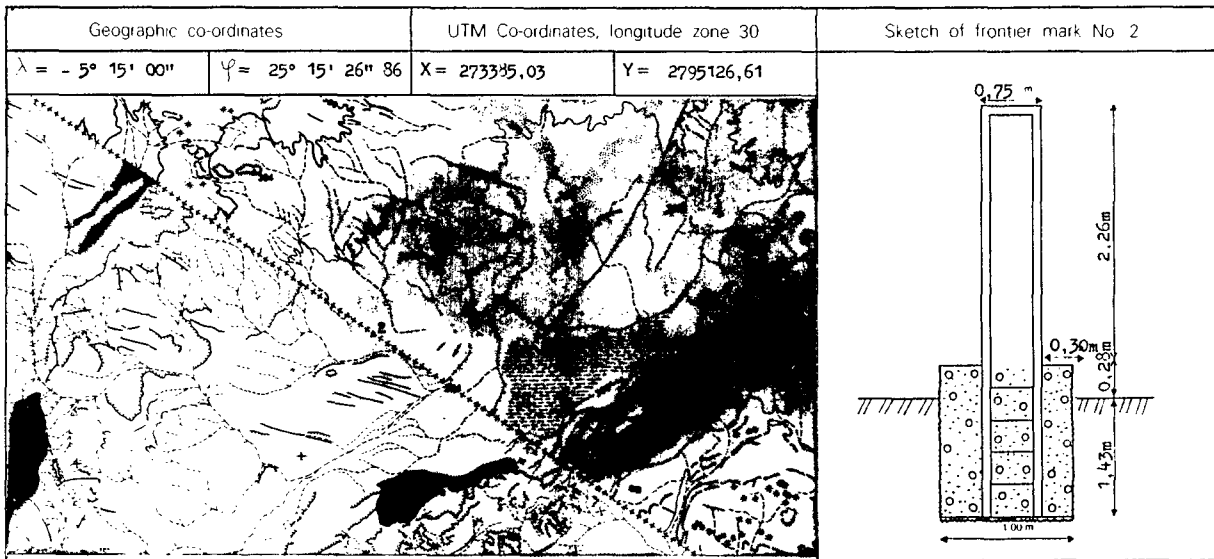
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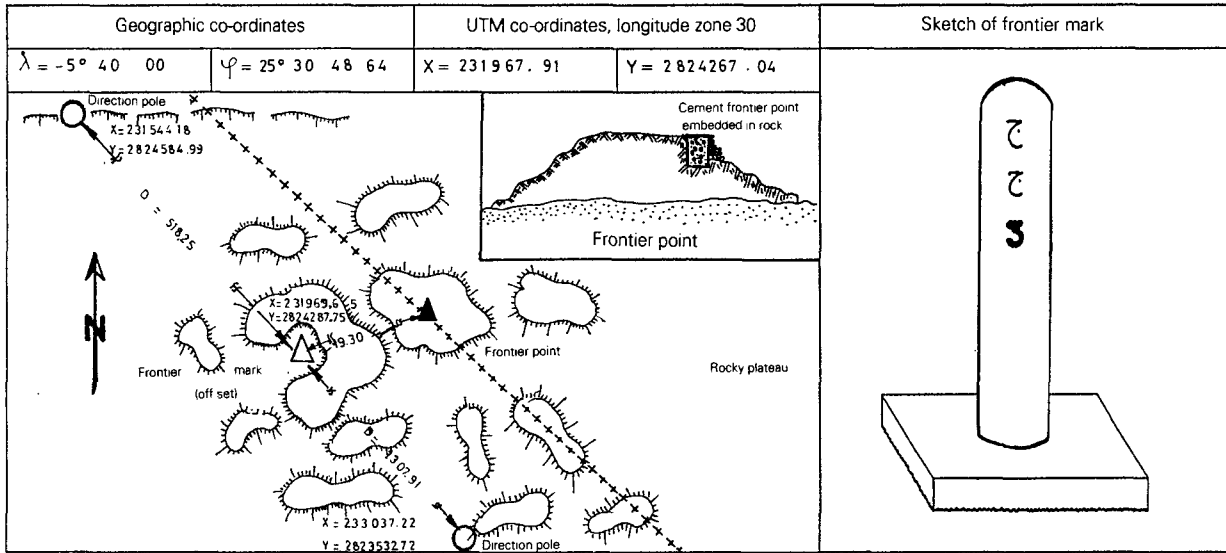
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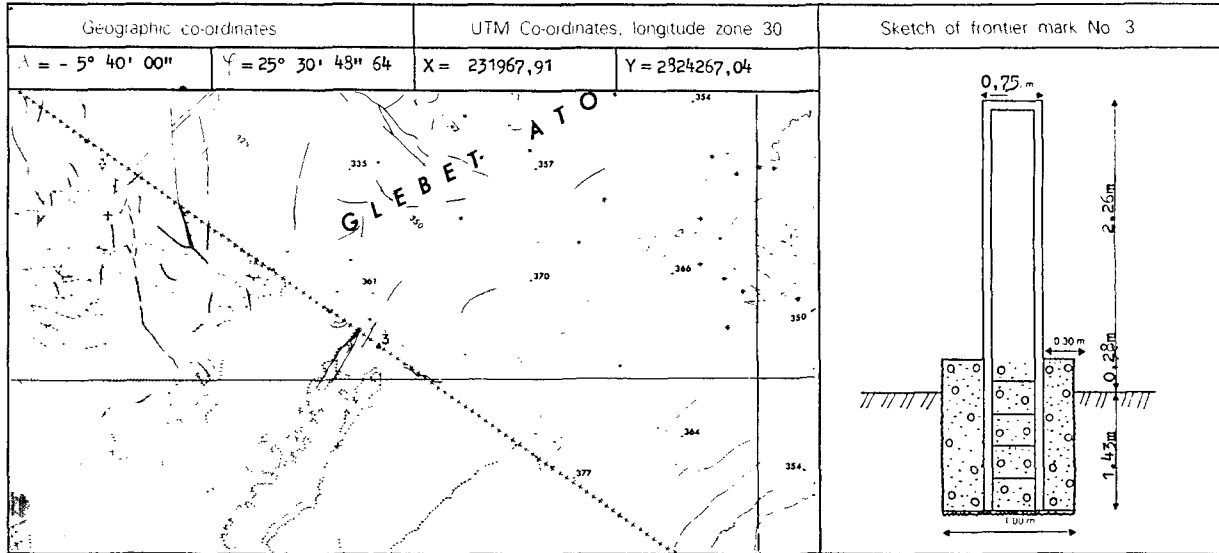
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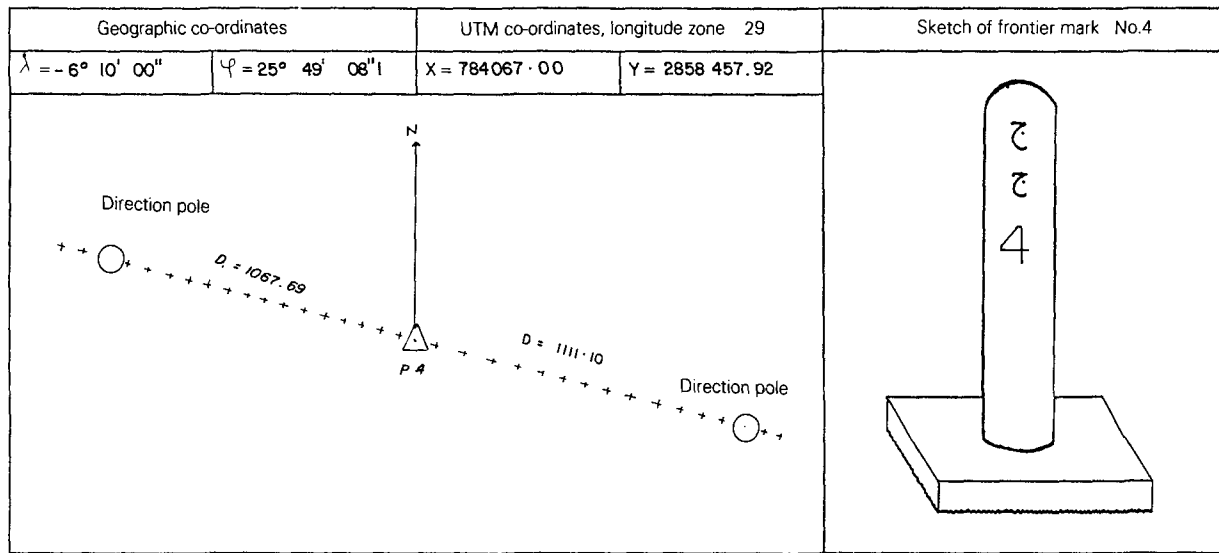
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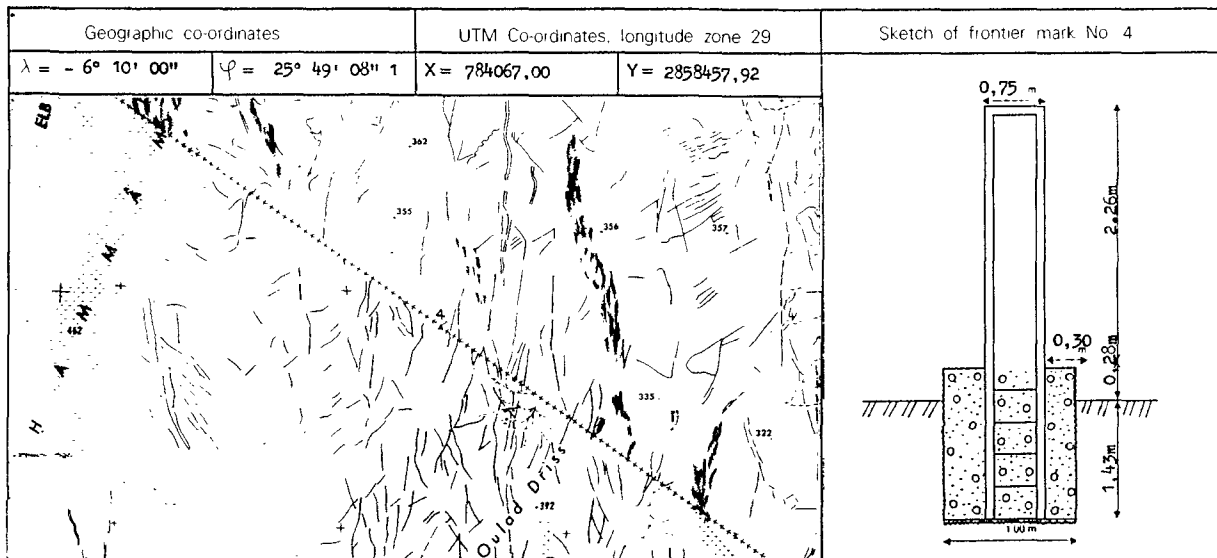
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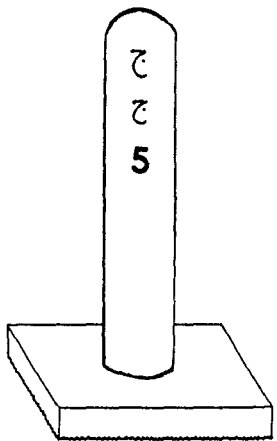
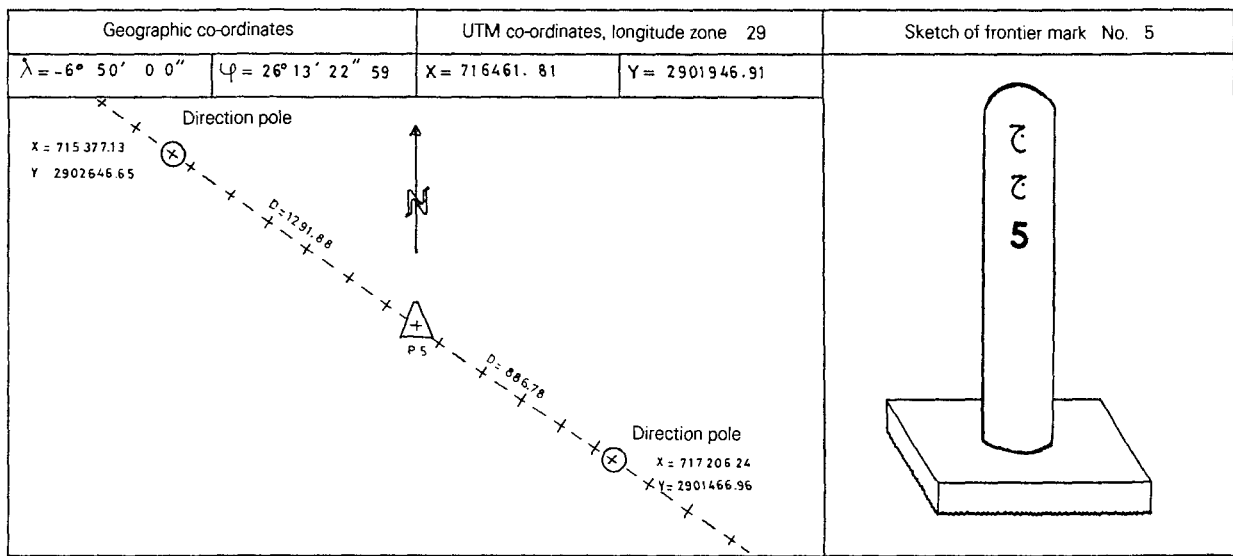
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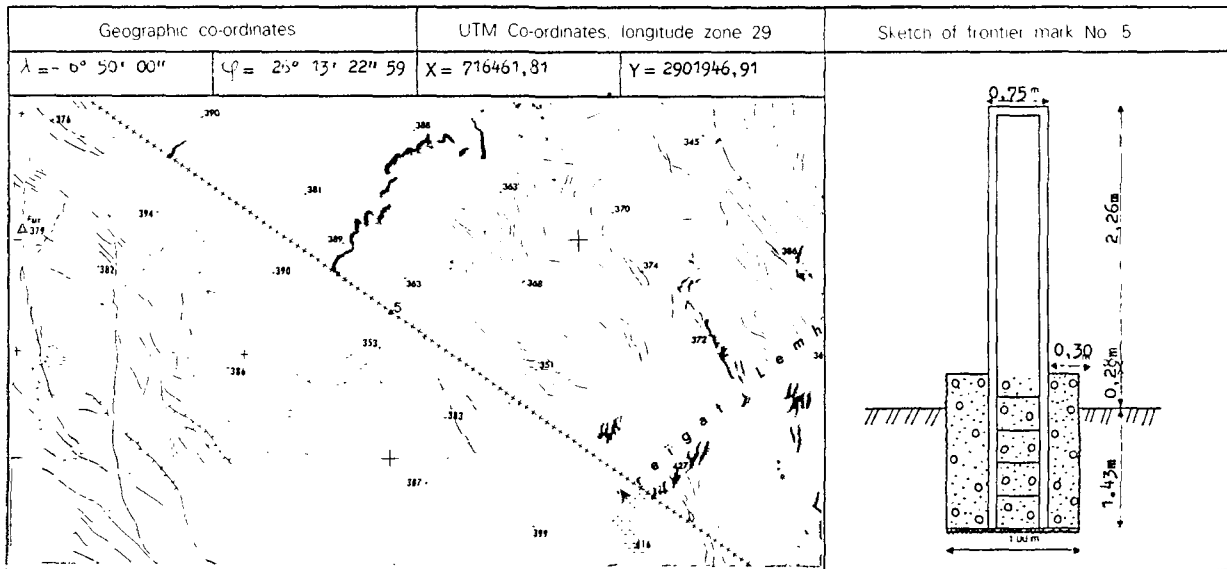
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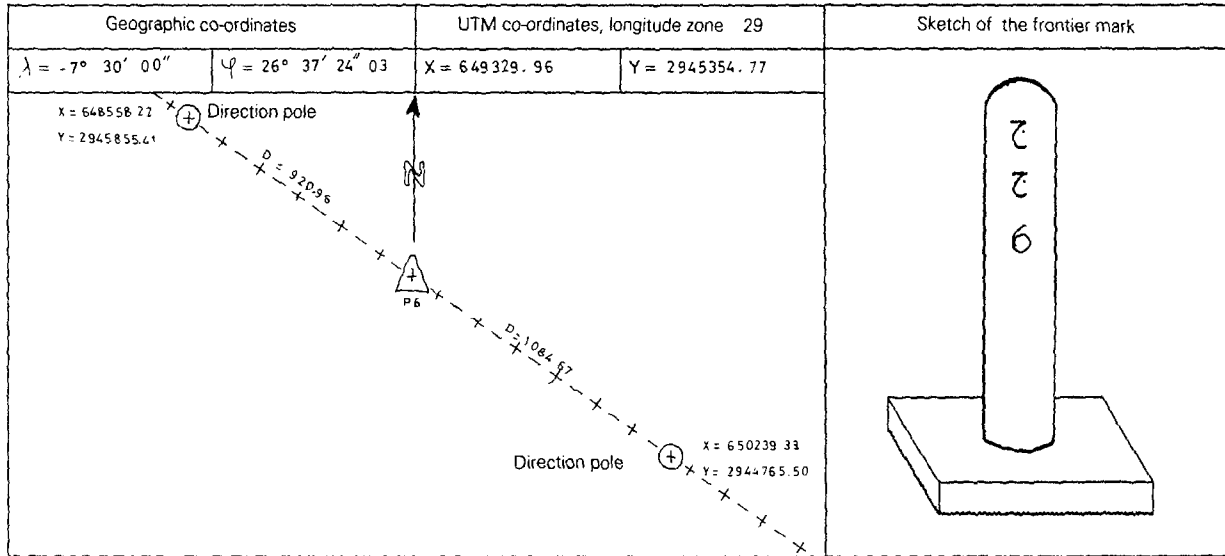
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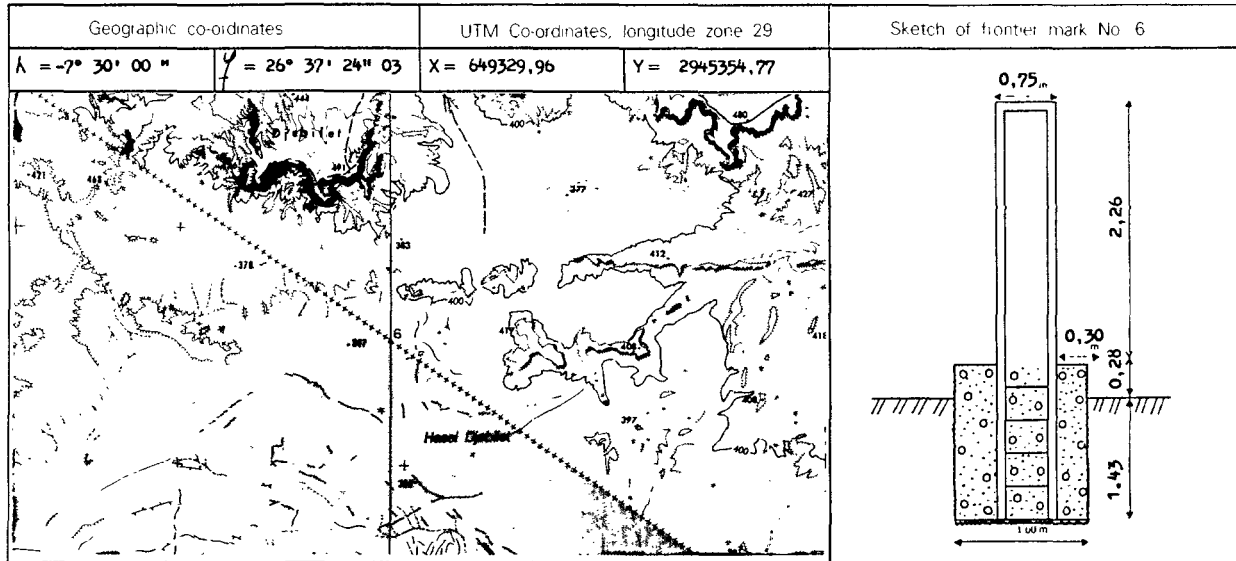
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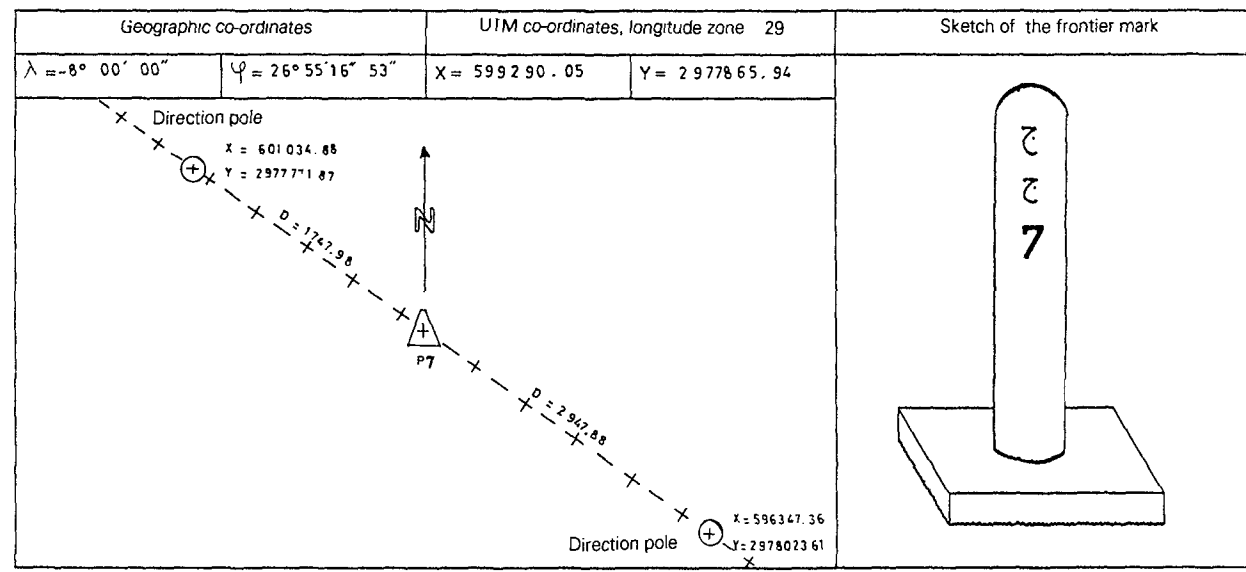
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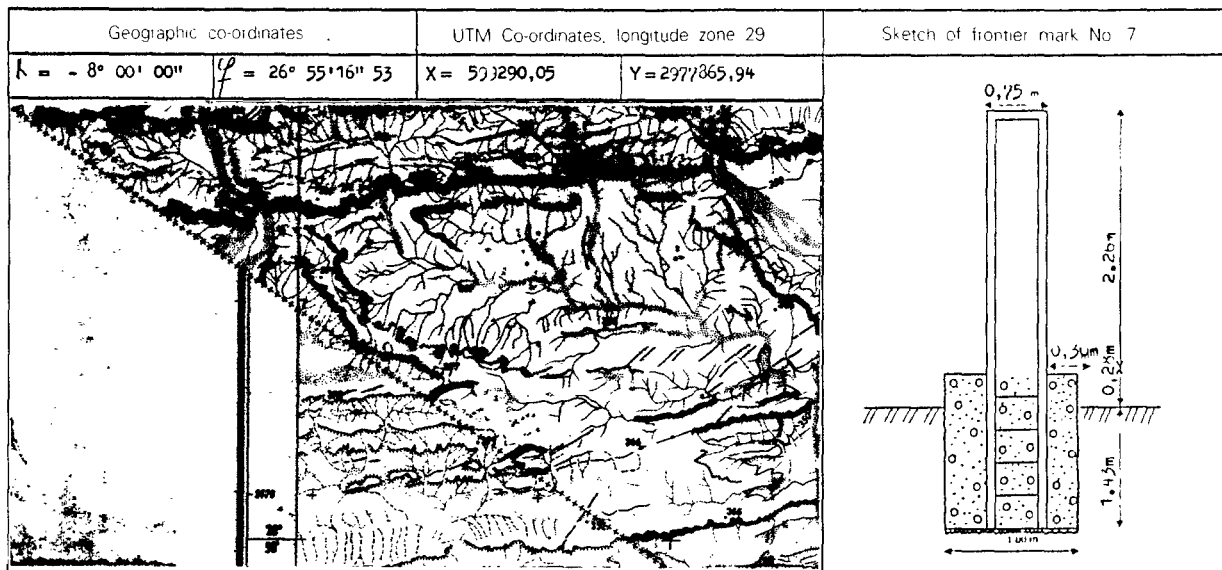
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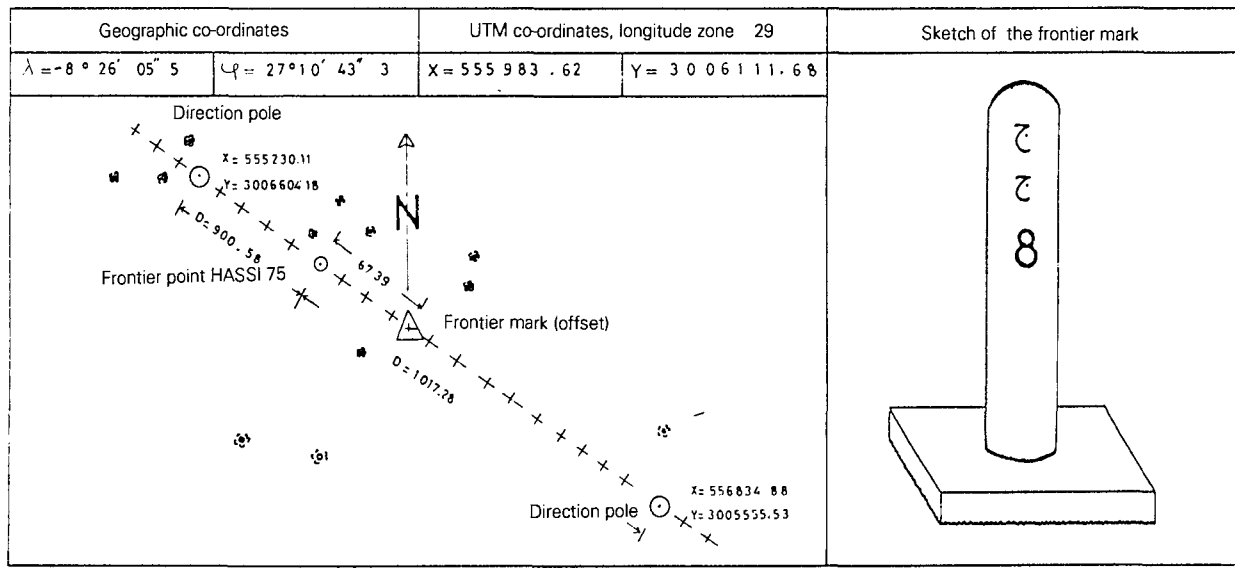
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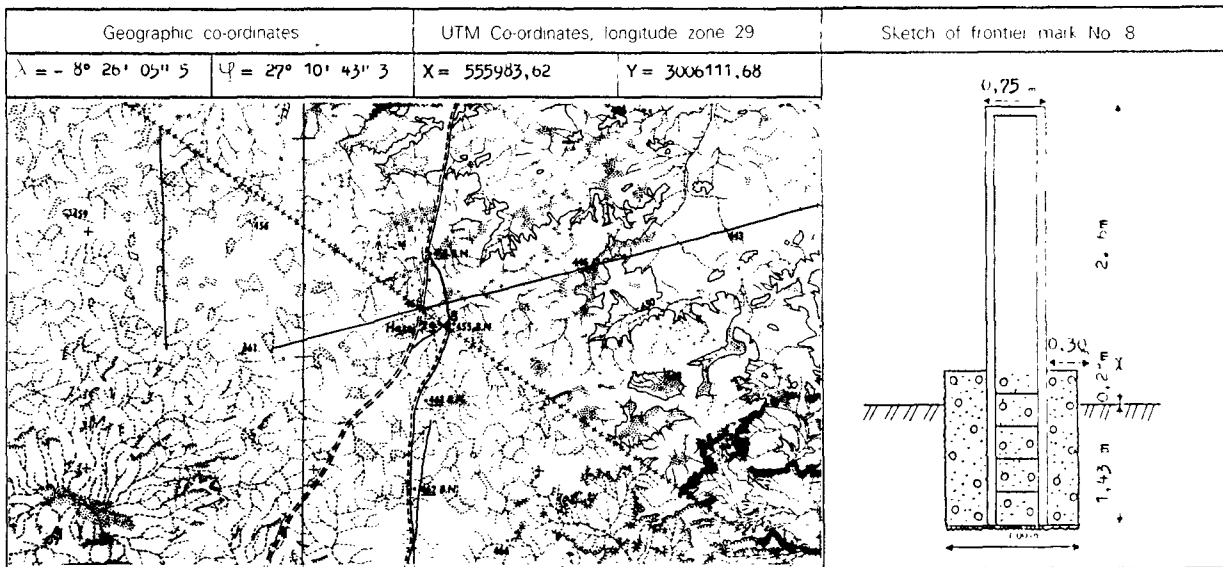
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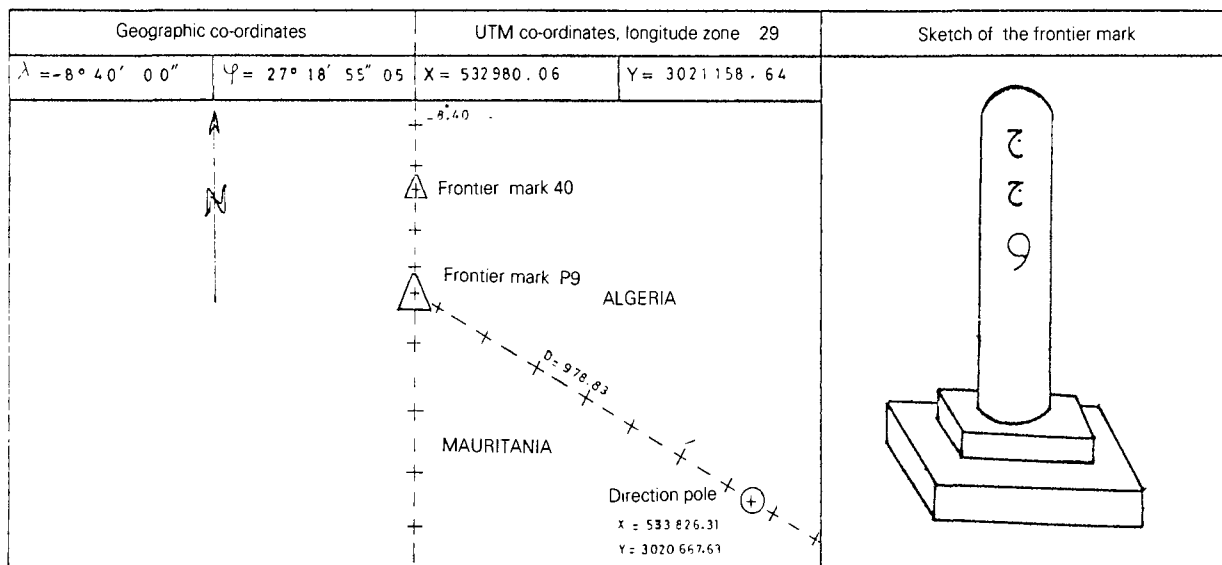
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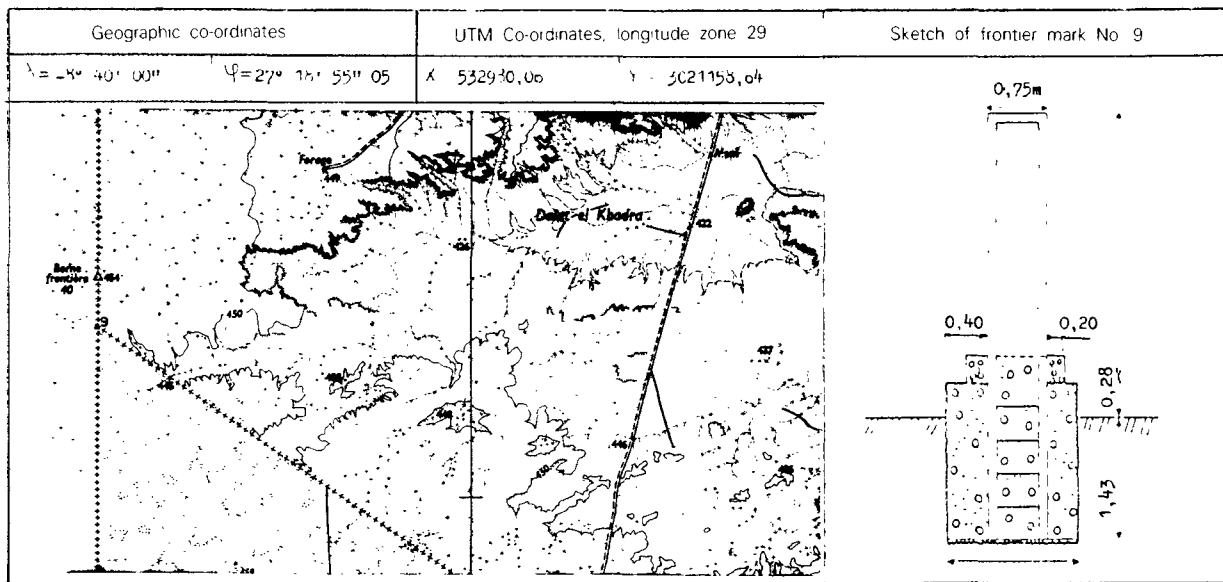
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[1:1,000,000 scale maps]¹

[1:200,000 scale maps]¹

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

LIST OF CO-ORDINATES OF THE FRONTIER MARKS

No. of frontier mark	Geographic co-ordinates		UTM co-ordinates		No. of longitudinal zone (UTM)
	Longitude	Latitude	X	Y	
Frontier mark 1	— 4°50'00".00	25°00'00".00	314 974.37	2 765 971.71	30
Frontier mark 2	— 5°15'00".00	25°15'26".86	273 385.03	2 795 126.61	30
Frontier mark 3	— 5°40'00".00	25°30'48".64	231 967.91	2 824 267.04	30
Frontier mark 4	— 6°10'00".00	25°49'08".08	784 067.00	2 858 457.92	29
Frontier mark 5	— 6°50'00".00	26°13'22".59	716 461.81	2 901 946.91	29
Frontier mark 6	— 7°30'00".00	26°37'24".03	649 329.96	2 945 354.77	29
Frontier mark 7	— 8°00'00".00	26°55'16".53	599 290.05	2 977 865.94	29
Frontier mark 8	— 8°26'05".47	27°10'43".31	555 983.62	3 006 111.68	29
Frontier mark 9	— 8°40'00".00	27°18'55".05	532 980.06	3 021 158.64	29

CONVENTION CONCERNING THE DEMARCATION OF THE STATE FRONTIER BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA AND THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA. COURSE OF THE FRONTIER BY 5-MINUTE LONGITUDINAL INTERVALS

No.	Longitude			Latitude			X UTM	Y UTM	Longitudinal zone
	D	Mn	S	D	Mn	S			
B 9	8	40	.0	27	18	55.1	532980.	3021159.	29
1	8	35	.0	27	15	58.5	541243.	3015752.	29
2	8	30	.0	27	13	1.6	549514.	3010339.	29
B 8	8	26	5.5	27	10	43.3	555984.	3006112.	29
4	8	25	.0	27	10	4.6	557792.	3004929.	29
5	8	20	.0	27	7	7.4	566077.	2999519.	29
6	8	15	.0	27	4	10.0	574369.	2994107.	29
7	8	10	.0	27	1	12.4	582669.	2988695.	29
8	8	5	.0	26	58	14.6	590976.	2983282.	29
B 7	8	0	.0	26	55	16.5	599290.	2977866.	29
10	7	55	.0	26	52	18.3	607612.	2972450.	29
11	7	50	.0	26	49	19.9	615941.	2967035.	29
12	7	45	.0	26	46	21.2	624277.	2961615.	29
13	7	40	.0	26	43	22.4	632621.	2956198.	29
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B 6	7	30	.0	26	37	24.0	649330.	2945355.	29
16	7	25	.0	26	34	24.6	657696.	2939935.	29
17	7	20	.0	26	31	24.9	666069.	2934511.	29
18	7	15	.0	26	28	25.0	674449.	2929085.	29
19	7	10	.0	26	25	25.0	682837.	2923662.	29
20	7	5	.0	26	22	24.7	691232.	2918235.	29

No.	Longitude			Latitude			X UTM	Y UTM	Longitudinal zone
	D	Mn	S	D	Mn	S			
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22	6	55	.0	26	16	23.5	708045.	2907378.	29
B 5	6	50	.0	26	13	22.6	716462.	2901947.	29
24	6	45	.0	26	10	21.5	724887.	2896516.	29
25	6	40	.0	26	7	20.2	733319.	2891083.	29
26	6	35	.0	26	4	18.7	741759.	2885649.	29
27	6	30	.0	26	1	17.0	750205.	2880214.	29
28	6	25	.0	25	58	15.1	758659.	2874778.	29
29	6	20	.0	25	55	12.9	767121.	2869337.	29
30	6	15	.0	25	52	10.6	775590.	2863898.	29
B 4	6	10	.0	25	49	8.1	784067.	2858458.	29
32	6	5	.0	25	46	5.4	792551.	2853016.	29
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B 3	5	40	.0	25	30	48.6	231968.	2824267.	30
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