

The President of the Republic, in a session of the Council of Ministers

Whereas:

Historically, in the delimitation of its boundaries with neighbouring countries, Honduras has always acted in accordance with the standards of international law, scrupulously respecting and complying with treaties, arbitral awards and legal decisions, and rejecting procedures supported by any force other than that of the law. As a result, Honduras has repudiated and will continue to repudiate any unilateral, coercive procedure; Executive Decree No. PCM-007-2000 of 21 March 2000, issued in accordance with article 7 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, established the straight baselines of the Republic in the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, as an internal norm identifying the baselines from which its own maritime spaces are delimited;

The Law of the Sea Convention, to which Honduras and six of its neighbours bordering on the Caribbean Sea are parties, entered into force on 16 November 1994, and is now the fundamental norm applicable to this subject;

The pertinent part of article 12(1) and (2) of the Law on the Maritime Spaces of Honduras stipulates that the

The Republic of Honduras, together with the other States parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, are inspired "by the desire to settle, in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation, all issues relating to the law of the sea, and aware of the historic significance of this Convention as an important contribution to the maintenance of peace, justice, and progress for all the peoples of the world (from the preamble to the Convention).

When the outer or lateral boundary of Honduran maritime spaces is to be delimited with a neighbouring State, in accordance with article 12 of the Law on the Maritime Spaces of Honduras, said boundary shall be delimited by means of an agreement concluded on the basis of international law, as set forth in Article 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, in such a way that an equitable solution is reached.

, Tegucigalpa, No. 29,295, 7 October 2000; translation into English by the United States Department of State (Limits in the Seas, No. 124, 28 June 2001)
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