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THAILAND
and
INDIA

Agreement on the delimitation of seabed boundary between the two countries in the Andaman Sea (with chart and exchange of notes). Signed at New Delhi on 22 June 1978

Authentic texts: Thai, Hindi and English.
Registered by Thailand on 8 January 1979.

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Accord relatif à la délimitation des fonds marins entre les deux pays dans la mer d'Andaman (avec carte marine et échange de notes). Signé à New Delhi le 22 juin 1978

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Enregistré par la Thaïlande le 8 janvier 1979.

**AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM
OF THAILAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF INDIA ON THE DELIMITATION OF SEABED BOUNDARY
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE ANDAMAN SEA**

The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Republic of India,

Desiring to strengthen the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries, and

Desiring to establish seabed boundary between the two countries in the Andaman Sea, and to settle permanently the limits of the areas within which the respective Governments shall exercise sovereign rights,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. 1. The seabed boundary between Thailand and India in the Andaman Sea comprises the straight lines connecting Points 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 3 and 4, 4 and 5, 5 and 6, and 6 and 7.

2. The co-ordinates of these points are specified below:

	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
Point 1	07° 48' 00" N.	95° 32' 48" E.
Point 2	07° 57' 30" N.	95° 41' 48" E.
Point 3	08° 09' 54" N.	95° 39' 16" E.
Point 4	08° 13' 47" N.	95° 39' 11" E.
Point 5	08° 45' 11" N.	95° 37' 42" E.
Point 6	08° 48' 04" N.	95° 37' 40" E.
Point 7	09° 17' 18" N.	95° 36' 31" E.

3. The extension of the boundary in either direction up to the trijunction points between Thailand, India and Indonesia on the one hand and Thailand, India and Burma on the other will be done subsequently.

Article 2. 1. The co-ordinates of the points specified in article 1 are geographical co-ordinates and the straight lines joining them are indicated on the chart attached as Annexure A² to this Agreement.

2. The actual location of these points at sea and of the lines joining them shall be determined by a method to be mutually agreed upon by the competent authorities of the two Governments.

3. For the purpose of paragraph 2 of this article, the term "competent authorities" in relation to the Kingdom of Thailand shall mean Chaokrom Uthokkasat (Director of Hydrographic Department) and include any person authorized by him, and in relation to the Republic of India shall mean the Chief Hydrographer to the Government of India and include any person authorized by him.

¹ Came into force on 15 December 1978 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Bangkok, in accordance with article 6.

² See insert in a pocket at the end of this volume.

Article 3. The Government of the Kingdom of Thailand and the Government of the Republic of India recognise and acknowledge the sovereign rights of the respective Governments over the seabed, including the subsoil thereof, within the limits established by this Agreement.

Article 4. If any single geological petroleum or natural gas structure or field, or other mineral deposit of whatever character, extends across the boundary referred to in article 1, the two Governments shall communicate to each other all information in this regard and shall seek to reach agreement as to the manner in which the structure, field or deposit will be most effectively exploited and the benefits arising from such exploitation equitably shared.

Article 5. Any dispute between the two Governments relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled peacefully by consultation or negotiation.

Article 6. This Agreement shall be ratified in accordance with the constitutional requirements of each country. It shall enter into force on the date of exchange of the Instruments of Ratification which will take place at Bangkok as soon as possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at New Delhi, on the twenty-second day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight, in the Thai, Hindi and English languages. In the event of any conflict between the texts, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Thailand:

[Signed]

Dr. UPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN
Minister of Foreign Affairs

For the Government
of the Republic of India:

[Signed]

Mr. ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE
Minister of External Affairs

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

I

EMBASSY OF INDIA
BANGKOK
AMBASSADOR

September 4, 1978

No. BAN/111/1/78

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand on the delimitation of seabed boundary between the two countries in the Andaman Sea, signed at New Delhi on June 22, 1978. In the chart annexed to the authenticated text of the Agreement, the words "Maritime Boundary" and "Seabed Boundary" have been shown in

brackets in the title. Since the agreed title of the Agreement refers to the delimitation of "Seabed Boundary" between our two countries, a technical error thus has crept in.

2. I have the honour to propose that the title part in the chart be corrected to read as follows:

"India-Thailand Seabed Boundary"

and this text will replace the earlier incorrect title.

3. I have the honour further to propose that this Note and Your Excellency's reply concurring therein constitute an integral part of the Agreement of June 22, 1978.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

K. L. DALAL

His Excellency Dr. Upadit Pachariyangkun
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Bangkok

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SARANROM PALACE

31 October B.E. 2521

No. 0605/44849

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's Note No. BAN/111/1/78 dated 4 September 1978 which reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand agrees to the proposal contained in the Note under reference, and further agrees that the present Note and the Note under reference shall constitute an integral part of the 1978 Agreement on the delimitation of seabed boundary between our two countries in the Andaman Sea.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

Dr. UPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN
Minister of Foreign Affairs

His Excellency Mr. K. L. Dalal
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the Republic of India
Bangkok