

3. Saudi Arabia

(a) Council of Ministers Resolution No. (15) 25 January, 2010³³

The Council of Ministers,

Following perusal of the file received from the Office of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers No. (50829/B) dated 19/12/1430H which includes a reference to His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector General's Cable No. (316) dated 4/5/1430H, attached therewith the Minutes of the Technical Team which prepared the baselines for the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aqaba and the Arabian Gulf, and the Minutes of the Subcommittee of the Ministerial Committee of Border Affairs No. (377) dated 19/11/1430H regarding the matter,

And following perusal of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea approved pursuant to Royal Decree No. (M/17) dated 11/9/1416H,

And following perusal of Royal Decree No. (33) dated 27/7 /1377H,

And following perusal of Minutes No. (503) dated 23/10/1430H, and Minutes No. (588) dated 29/12/1430H, drafted by the Bureau of Experts at the Council of Ministers,

And following review of Shura Council Resolution No. (84/56) dated 28/11/1430H,

And following perusal of the Council of Ministers General Committee's Recommendation No. (19) dated 4/1/1431H,

Decides as follows:

The baselines for the Kingdom's maritime zones in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aqaba and the Arabian Gulf shall be in accordance with the lists of geographical coordinates specified in Tables (1, 2, 3) attached, where geodetic datum for such coordinates is illustrated.

A draft Royal Decree to this effect has been prepared, its wording is attached herein.

Prime Minister

³³ Transmitted by note verbale No. UN/SG/Treaty/191 dated 5 March 2010, from the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

(b) Royal Decree No. (M/4) dated 26 January 2010

With the help of God

We, Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Pursuant to Article (Seventy) of the Basic Law of Governance, issued under Royal Order No. (A/90) dated 27/8/1412H,

And pursuant to Article (Twenty) of the Law of the Council of Ministers, issued under Royal Order No. (A/13) dated 3/3/1414H,

And pursuant to Article (Eighteen) of the Shura Council Law, issued under Royal Order No. (A/91) dated 27/8/1412H,

And following perusal of Shura Council Resolution No. (84/56) dated 28/11/1430H,

And following perusal of Council of Ministers Resolution No. (15) dated 25/1/1431H,

Have decreed as follows:

First: The baselines for the Kingdom's maritime zones in the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aqaba and the Arabian Gulf shall be in accordance with the lists of geographical coordinates specified in Tables (1, 2, 3) attached, where geodetic datum for such coordinates is illustrated.

Second: His Highness the Deputy Prime Minister and the ministers - each within their jurisdiction- shall implement this Decree of ours.

Abdullah ibn Abdulaziz

Baseline in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Red Sea

Table No. (1)

Baseline from basepoint No. (1) on the maritime boundary line in the Gulf of Aqaba between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to basepoint No. (103) on the the maritime boundary line in the Red Sea between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen

(World Geodetic System - 84)

Baseline Point No.	Geographical Coordinates of Baseline Points					
	Latitude - North			Longitude - East		
	Degree	Minute	Second	Degree	Minute	Second
1	Situated on the maritime boundary line between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.					
	29	21	29.39	34	57	21.46
2	29	21	19.69	34	57	18
3	29	20	24	34	56	52
4	29	19	23	34	56	39
5	29	18	02	34	55	58
6	29	17	26	34	55	42
7	29	13	32	34	54	39
8	29	11	02	34	53	43
9	29	08	39	34	52	45

10	29	05	29	34	52	00
11	29	02	50	34	51	08
12	29	01	37	34	50	50
13	28	58	23	34	50	33
14	28	53	38	34	49	15
15	28	53	04	34	49	09
16	28	49	57	34	49	43
17	28	46	35	34	48	53
18	28	40	27	34	46	38
19	28	39	47	34	46	29
20	28	34	42	34	47	30
21	28	31	40	34	48	16
22	28	28	52	34	46	26
23	28	27	35	34	45	47
24	28	24	22	34	44	22
25	28	22	17	34	43	33
26	28	15	40	34	40	24
27	28	12	04	34	38	56
28	28	10	55	34	38	21
29	28	09	47	34	36	57
30	28	09	20	34	36	31
31	28	07	31	34	34	54
32	28	06	26	34	34	12
33	28	05	47	34	34	02
34	28	03	21	34	32	06
35	28	01	57	34	31	02
36	28	01	30	34	30	08
37	28	00	58	34	29	12
38	28	00	50	34	29	08
39	27	59	56	34	28	59
40	27	59	43	34	28	59
41	27	56	37	34	30	09
42	27	54	40	34	33	09
43	27	53	55	34	43	00
44	27	48	51	35	06	05
45	27	47	06	35	07	31
46	27	41	16	35	13	21
47	27	38	53	35	16	56
48	27	32	18	35	25	04
49	27	25	56	35	31	15
50	27	14	27	35	37	41
51	27	08	51	35	42	29
52	26	57	18	35	46	43
53	26	48	54	35	52	37
54	26	39	24	35	59	24
55	26	33	44	36	04	02
56	26	22	34	36	15	07
57	26	11	05	36	21	21
58	26	03	29	36	29	01
59	25	48	36	36	32	13
60	25	38	26	36	28	48
61	25	37	22	36	29	30
62	25	23	28	36	40	47

63	25	13	56	36	50	45
64	24	59	10	36	56	41
65	24	51	25	36	59	34
66	24	29	33	37	07	02
67	24	23	38	37	09	27
68	24	20	26	37	22	58
69	24	09	30	37	40	25
70	23	50	19	37	53	39
71	23	46	09	37	57	00
72	23	38	55	38	01	54
73	23	30	27	38	14	36
74	23	02	41	38	36	17
75	22	45	13	38	36	37
76	22	25	25	38	51	04
77	22	19	52	38	51	07
78	22	03	15	38	45	29
79	21	51	21	38	44	42
80	21	40	56	38	49	56
81	21	05	53	39	01	43
82	20	55	28	39	09	44
83	20	44	19	39	16	13
84	20	17	32	39	28	19
85	20	15	10	39	29	58
86	19	45	54	39	53	24
87	19	44	56	39	54	24
88	19	28	04	40	01	28
89	19	12	41	40	05	42
90	19	00	06	40	08	28
91	18	45	52	40	28	24
92	18	30	27	40	39	31
93	18	12	55	40	43	08
94	18	03	42	40	47	00
95	18	00	40	40	48	33
96	17	39	48	41	01	30
97	16	56	43	41	23	24
98	16	54	22	41	24	18
99	16	45	27	41	29	42
100	16	40	06	41	34	36
101	16	32	46	41	39	52
102	16	24	26.34	41	52	07
103	Situated on the maritime boundary line between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen.					
	16	19	58.10	41	55	15.17

*Baseline in the Arabian Gulf.**Table No. (2)*

Baseline from point No. (1) on the dividing line of the divided submerged area between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait to base point No. (11) on the Island of Lubainah Al Kabirah

(World Geodetic System -84)

Baseline Point No.	Geographical Coordinates of Baseline Points					
	Latitude - North			Longitude - East		
	Degree	Minute	Second	Degree	Minute	Second
1	Situated on the maritime boundary line between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Kuwait.					
	28	33	56.31	48	28	41.64
2	28	29	49	48	30	20
3	28	11	55	48	57	57
4	28	00	46	49	05	41
5	27	42	48	49	21	12
6	27	32	14	49	33	28
7	27	22	01	49	54	00
8	26	59	24	50	12	54
9	26	33	24	50	16	00
10	26	24	30	50	18	18
11 (9)*	26	15	14.695	50	19	07.79

*Baseline in the Arabian Gulf**Table No. (3)*

Baseline from maritime boundary point No. (1) on the maritime boundary line between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar to base point No. (4) on the maritime boundary line between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

(World Geodetic System -84)

Baseline Point No.	Geographical Coordinates of Baseline Points					
	Latitude - North			Longitude - East		
	Degree	Minute	Second	Degree	Minute	Second
1	Situati on the maritime boundary line between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar.					
	24	43	11.76	51	36	16.06
2	24	34	02	51	33	55
3	24	24	06	51	30	24
4 (â)*	24	15	39.8	51	35	26

III. OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE LAW OF THE SEA

A. Communications by States

United Arab Emirates

Note Verbale dated 27 December 2009¹

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates presents its best greetings to the General Secretariat of the United Nations-Office of His Excellency UN Secretary General- New York.

With reference to the letter of the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of 7 November 2009 to H.E the Secretary General of the United Nations regarding the Note of 7 November 2009 addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, this Ministry sends to the Office of H.E the Secretary-General the attached Note of reply No. 3/612-1140 of 8 December 2009 and requests its registration as an official document and its publication and circulation according to the usual UN Procedure.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates would like to bring to the knowledge of the Office of H.E the Secretary General, that the Government of the United Arab Emirates had been since 1975 informing the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through letters that parts of the 1974 Agreement cannot be implemented in their present text and asked for their amendment. These letters included, for instance, the letter conveyed by H.E Mani Saeed Al Otiba on 16 October 1975 to the late King Khalid Ibn Abdel Aziz Al Saud and the two letters of 3 November 1993 and 7 November 1998 by the late Sheikh Zaid Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan to the late King Fahd Ibn Al Aziz AL Saud.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates avails itself of this opportunity to express its highest consideration to the General Secretariat of the United Nations.

Attachment

The United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its best greetings to the Ministry of Foreign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

With reference to the Note No. 92/18/30057506 of 19/11/1430 Hijri corresponding to 7111/2009 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, this Ministry would like to confirm that the official map showing the land boundary between the two countries from Ras Games to Urn Al Zamul, the tripoint of the boundaries of the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arab and the Sultanate of Oman, has not yet been issued.

¹ Original: Arabic. Unofficial translation provided by the United Arab Emirates.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates takes this opportunity to repeat its proposal that the technicians from the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Sultanate of Oman, should resume their meeting which commenced in Riyadh in 31/7/1993 to determine the tripoint at Urn Al Zamul.

As for what had been mentioned in the Note of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under reference that the Government of the United Arab Emirates should abide by all articles of the 1974 Agreement, this Ministry expresses its surprise for that because the Government of the United Arab Emirates had confirmed in its previous correspondence that parts of the boundary agreement of 1974 cannot be implemented in their present text. Moreover, the Government of the United Arab Emirates had in more than one occasion expressed its desire for the amendment of some parts of the agreement to make them consistent with changes which took place in fact and law.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE avails itself of opportunity to express to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the KSA its highest consideration.