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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Treaty on the delimitation in the Caribbean of a maritime
boundary relating to Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands and
the British Virgin Islands (with annex and chart). Signed at
London on 5 November 1993**

Authentic text: English.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 23 February 1996.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Traité relatif à la délimitation de la frontière maritime entre
Porto Rico/îles Vierges des États-Unis et les îles Vierges
britanniques (avec annexe et carte). Signé à Londres le
5 novembre 1993**

Texte authentique : anglais.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord
le 23 février 1996.*

TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE DELIMITATION IN THE CARIBBEAN OF A MARITIME BOUNDARY RELATING TO PUERTO RICO/U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AND THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America (hereinafter the "Parties");

Recalling the tradition of co-operative relations and close ties between the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the people of the United States of America;

Desiring to establish a maritime boundary between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (British Virgin Islands) and the United States of America (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) in the Caribbean on the basis of equidistance;

Taking note of the Reciprocal Fisheries Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America, signed on 27 March, 1979²

Have agreed as follows

ARTICLE I

The purpose of this Treaty is to establish, in accordance with international law, the maritime boundary between the United States of America (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (British Virgin Islands).

ARTICLE II

(1) The maritime boundary between the United States of America (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (British Virgin Islands) in the Caribbean is determined by geodetic lines connecting points 1-50, as specified in the Annex to this Treaty.

(2) The geodetic and computational bases used are the North American Datum 1983 ("NAD 83"). For the purpose of illustration only, the boundary line has been drawn on the map annexed to this Treaty.

¹ Came into force on 1 June 1995 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, in accordance with article V.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1342, p. 67.

ARTICLE III

On the side of the maritime boundary adjacent to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (British Virgin Islands), the United States shall not, and on the side of the maritime boundary adjacent to the United States of America (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), the United Kingdom shall not, claim or exercise for any purpose sovereignty, sovereign rights, or jurisdiction with respect to the waters or seabed or subsoil.

ARTICLE IV

The maritime boundary established by this Treaty shall not affect or prejudice in any manner either party's position with respect to the rules of international law relating to the law of the sea, including those concerned with the exercise of sovereignty, sovereign rights, or jurisdiction with respect to the waters or seabed and subsoil.

ARTICLE V

This treaty shall be subject to ratification and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Treaty.

Done in duplicate at London this Fifth day of November 1993.

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

D. H. ANDERSON

For the Government
of the United States of America:

DAVID A. COLSON

ANNEX

The maritime boundary positions set forth in this Annex are on the North American Datum 1983 ("NAD 83"). The maritime boundary between the United States of America (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (British Virgin Islands) is defined by connecting the following geographic co-ordinates by geodetic lines:

| <i>No.</i> | <i>North Latitude</i> | <i>West Longitude</i> |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | 21° 48' 33" | 65° 50' 31" |
| 2. | 21° 41' 20" | 65° 49' 13" |
| 3. | 20° 58' 05" | 65° 40' 30" |
| 4. | 20° 46' 56" | 65° 38' 14" |
| 5. | 19° 57' 29" | 65° 27' 21" |
| 6. | 19° 37' 29" | 65° 20' 57" |
| 7. | 19° 12' 25" | 65° 06' 08" |
| 8. | 18° 45' 14" | 65° 00' 22" |
| 9. | 18° 41' 14" | 64° 59' 33" |
| 10. | 18° 29' 22" | 64° 53' 50" |
| 11. | 18° 27' 36" | 64° 53' 22" |
| 12. | 18° 25' 22" | 64° 52' 39" |
| 13. | 18° 24' 31" | 64° 52' 19" |
| 14. | 18° 23' 51" | 64° 51' 50" |
| 15. | 18° 23' 43" | 64° 51' 23" |
| 16. | 18° 23' 37" | 64° 50' 18" |
| 17. | 18° 23' 48" | 64° 49' 42" |
| 18. | 18° 24' 11" | 64° 49' 01" |
| 19. | 18° 24' 29" | 64° 47' 57" |
| 20. | 18° 24' 18" | 64° 47' 00" |
| 21. | 18° 23' 14" | 64° 46' 37" |
| 22. | 18° 22' 38" | 64° 45' 21" |
| 23. | 18° 22' 40" | 64° 44' 42" |
| 24. | 18° 22' 42" | 64° 44' 36" |
| 25. | 18° 22' 37" | 64° 44' 24" |
| 26. | 18° 22' 40" | 64° 43' 42" |
| 27. | 18° 22' 30" | 64° 43' 36" |
| 28. | 18° 22' 25" | 64° 42' 58" |
| 29. | 18° 22' 27" | 64° 42' 28" |
| 30. | 18° 22' 16" | 64° 42' 03" |
| 31. | 18° 22' 23" | 64° 40' 59" |
| 32. | 18° 21' 58" | 64° 40' 15" |
| 33. | 18° 21' 51" | 64° 38' 22" |
| 34. | 18° 21' 22" | 64° 38' 16" |
| 35. | 18° 20' 39" | 64° 38' 32" |
| 36. | 18° 19' 16" | 64° 38' 13" |
| 37. | 18° 19' 07" | 64° 38' 16" |
| 38. | 18° 17' 24" | 64° 39' 37" |
| 39. | 18° 16' 43" | 64° 39' 41" |
| 40. | 18° 11' 34" | 64° 38' 58" |
| 41. | 18° 03' 03" | 64° 38' 03" |
| 42. | 18° 02' 57" | 64° 29' 35" |
| 43. | 18° 02' 52" | 64° 27' 03" |
| 44. | 18° 02' 30" | 64° 21' 08" |
| 45. | 18° 02' 31" | 64° 20' 08" |
| 46. | 18° 02' 01" | 64° 15' 39" |
| 47. | 18° 00' 12" | 64° 02' 29" |
| 48. | 17° 59' 58" | 64° 01' 02" |
| 49. | 17° 58' 47" | 63° 57' 00" |
| 50. | 17° 57' 51" | 63° 53' 53" |

