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The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the International Law Commission and has the honour to refer to the Commission's request for information from States on their practice and other relevant information concerning sea-level rise in relation to international law, pursuant to Chapter III C. of the Report of the International Law Commission at its Seventy-first session (A/74/10).

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations encloses herewith Romania's submission in response to the above-mentioned call of the International Law Commission, consisting of relevant legal provisions (pertaining to a bilateral agreement and national legislation) connected to the topic of sea-level rise.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the International Law Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 9 January 2020



**The Secretariat of the International Law Commission
The Office of Legal Affairs
United Nations**

Law no. 17/1990 concerning the Legal Regime of the Internal Waters, the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone of Romania

Article 2

- (1) *The territorial sea of Romania includes the zone of the sea adjacent to the coast or, where applicable, the internal waters, having a width of 12 nautical miles (22,224 m) measured from the baselines.*
- (2) *The baselines are the lines of low tide along the coast or, where applicable, the straight lines which join the most advanced points of the coast, including the coasts of islands, mooring places, hydrotechnical works and other permanent harbour installations.*
- (3) *The geographical coordinates of the points between which the straight baselines are drawn are listed in the annex. In case of objective evolutions due to influence the points between which the straight baselines are drawn, the coordinates of the new points are established through Governmental Decision.*
- (4) *The outer limit of the territorial sea is the line every point of which is at a distance of 12 nautical miles measured from the nearest point of the baselines.*

Treaty between Romania and Ukraine on the Romanian-Ukrainian State Border Regime, Collaboration and Mutual Assistance on Border Matters¹

Article 1

The State border between Romania and Ukraine passes on the ground as defined and described in the Treaty between the Government of the People's Republic of Romania and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialists Republics on the Romanian-Soviet State Border Regime, Collaboration and Mutual Assistance on Border Matters, signed at Bucharest, on the 27th of February 1961, as well as in all the corresponding demarcation documents, the maps of the State border between the former People's Republic of Romania and Union of the Soviet Socialists Republics, the protocols of the border signs with their draft sketches, the corresponding annexes and their additions, as well as the documents of verifications of the State border line concluded between the former People's Republic of Romania/Socialist Republic of Romania and the former Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics in force on the 16th of July, 1990 – the date of the adoption of the Declaration on the State Sovereignty of Ukraine, as well as in the annexes and additions to the above mentioned documents which may be concluded between the Contracting Parties during the period of validity of this Treaty,

¹ <https://treaties.un.org/doc/Publication/UNTS/Volume%202277/v2277.pdf>

With the exception of the sector of the State border line above-defined, that passes from the Northern meeting point of the State borders of Romania, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova to the Southern meeting point of the State borders of these countries,

And continues, from the border sign 1439 (buoy) on the outer limit of Ukraine's territorial waters around the Serpents' Island, up to the point of 45°05'21" north latitude and 30°02'27" east longitude, which is the meeting point with the Romanian State border passing on the outer limit of its territorial sea. The territorial seas of the Contracting Parties measured from the baselines shall permanently have, at the meeting point of their outer limits, the width of 12 maritime miles.

If objective modifications due to natural phenomena which are not related to human activities and that make it necessary for these coordinates to be changed are noticed, the Joint Commission shall conclude new protocols.

The State border line, on its whole length, shall remain unchanged, unless the Contracting Parties agree otherwise.

The elaboration of the new documents on the State border does not represent a revision of the existent border between Romania and Ukraine.