

**Decree No. 1436 of 13 June 1984 (1) partially regulating article 9
of Act No. 10 of 1978**

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

In exercise of his Constitutional authority and, in particular, the authority conferred on him by article 120, paragraph 3, of the Constitution of Colombia, and

WHEREAS

It is necessary to establish baselines from which to measure the breadth of the territorial sea and the exclusive economic zone of the nation;

The Colombian coast, both on the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, has deep inlets or indentations and fringes of islands, making it possible to use the method of straight baselines as provided for in article 4 of Act No. 10 of 1978;

The Government has decided to establish some straight baselines, in accordance with international law and as provided for in article 9 of Act No. 10 of 1978;

DECREES

Article One:

The breadth of the territorial sea shall be measured from the normal baselines, as established by article 4 of Act No. 10 of 1978, and from the straight baselines indicated below. The geographic end points have been taken from United States Defense Mapping Agency Hydrographic and Topographic Center nautical charts No. 21033, scale 1:1,000,000, and No. 24036, scale 1:956,170, respectively for the Pacific and Caribbean coasts of Colombia.

PACIFIC COAST

<u>From</u>			<u>To</u>		
<u>Point</u>	<u>Lat. North</u>	<u>Long. West</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Lat. North</u>	<u>Long. West</u>
1	07° 12' 39.3"	77° 53' 20.9" (Colombia-Panama Boundary)	2	06° 47' 07"	77° 41' 30" (Rocas Octavia)
2	06° 47' 07"	77° 41' 30" (Rocas Octavia)	3	06° 11' 35"	77° 29' 37"
3	06° 11' 35"	77° 29' 37"	4	05° 29' 15"	77° 32' 53" (Cabo Corrientes)

4	05° 29' 15" 77° 32' 53" (Cabo Corrientes)	5	04° 12' 30" 77° 31' 45" (Isla Cacahual-SW)
5	04° 12' 30" 77° 31' 45" (Isla Cacahual-SW)	6	03° 00' 23" 78° 10' 00" (Punta Coll-Gorgona)
7	02° 56' 23" 78° 13' 17" (Isla Gorgonilla)	8	02° 35' 33" 78° 26' 04"
9	02° 11' 00" 78° 41' 07" (Bahía San Ignacio-Delta R. Patía)	10	01° 37' 18" 79° 02' 36" (Cabo Manglares)

ATLANTIC COAST

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>			
<u>Point</u>	<u>Lat. North</u>	<u>Long. West</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Lat. North</u>	<u>Long. West</u>
1	11° 51' 07.41"	71° 19' 23"	2	12° 00' 25"	71° 08' 20"
	(Castilletes)				
3	12° 26' 10"	71° 43' 45"	4	12° 14' 50"	72° 08' 00"
		(Pilón de Azúcar)			
5	12° 13' 08"	72° 10' 50"	6	11° 20' 18"	74° 12' 47"
	(Isla Farallón)		(Cabo de la Aguja)		
6	11° 20' 18"	74° 12' 47"	7	11° 06' 53"	74° 50' 38"
	(Cabo de la Aguja)		(Tajamar Bocas de Ceniza)		
8	11° 06' 50"	74° 51' 05"	9	10° 48' 12"	75° 15' 42"
	(Tajamar Bocas de Ceniza)		(Punta de la Garita)		
9	10° 48' 12"	75° 15' 42"	10	10° 44' 45"	75° 21' 10"
	(Punta de la Garita)		(Isla Arena)		
10	10° 44' 45"	75° 21' 10"	11	10° 34' 35"	75° 30' 28"
	(Isla Arena)		(Punta Canoas-North)		
12	10° 33' 30"	75° 30' 52"	13	10° 10' 10"	75° 48' 10"
	(Punta Canoas-South)		(Islas del Rosario-Roca Occidental)		
13	10° 10' 10"	75° 48' 10"	14	09° 23' 42"	76° 11' 23"
	(Islas del Rosario-Roca Occidental)		(Isla Fuerte)		
14	09° 23' 42"	76° 11' 23"	15	08° 41' 07.3"	77° 21' 50"
	(Isla Fuerte)		(Cabo Tiburón)		

Article Two:

The waters enclosed by the straight baselines established in the preceding article shall be considered internal waters and thus the State shall have the right to exercise absolute sovereignty over them in accordance with accepted rules of international law.

Article Three:

This Decree shall take effect from the time it is issued.

TO BE TRANSMITTED PUBLISHED AND EXECUTED:

Issued at Bogotá on 13 June 1984.

Endnotes

1 (Popup - Popup)