

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of France (hereinafter "the Parties") ;

Considering that by an agreement signed in Ottawa on March 27, 1972 the Parties partially delimited the maritime areas appertaining respectively to Canada and France ;

Considering that, in view of the differences between them, the Parties have been unable to complete the delimitation ;

Considering that the Parties have expressed a common desire to resolve the dispute arising from these differences by submitting it to third-party binding arbitration ;

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE 1

1 - A Court of Arbitration (hereinafter "the Court"), is hereby established, consisting of five members, namely :

- M. Prosper WEIL, appointed by the French Government,
- M. Allan E. GOTLIEB, appointed by the Canadian Government,
- Mr Eduardo JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA,
- M. Gaetano ARANGIO-JUIZ,
- M. Oskar SCHACHTER.

The President of the Court shall be Mr Eduardo JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA.

2 - If a member of the Court appointed by one of the Parties is unable to act, that Party shall name a replacement within a period of one month from the date on which the Court declares the existence of the vacancy.

3 - a) If another member of the Court is unable to act, the Parties shall agree on a replacement within a period of two months from the date on which the Court declares the existence of the vacancy.

b) In the absence of an agreement within the period mentioned in paragraph a) the Parties shall have recourse to the good offices of the President of the Court or, if the office of the President is vacant, the Secretary General of the United Nations.