

ARTICLE 2

1 - Ruling in accordance with the principles and rules of international law applicable in the matter, the Court is requested to carry out the delimitation as between the Parties of the maritime areas appertaining to France and of those appertaining to Canada. This delimitation shall be effected from point 1 and from point 9 of the delimitation referred to in Article 8 of the Agreement of March 27, 1972 and described in the Annex thereto. The Court shall establish a single delimitation which shall govern all rights and jurisdiction which the Parties may exercise under international law in these maritime areas.

2 - The Court shall describe the course of this delimitation in a technically precise manner. To this end, the geometric nature of all the elements of the delimitation shall be indicated and the position of all the points mentioned shall be given by reference to their geographical coordinates in the North America Datum 1927 (NAD 27) geodesic system.

The Court shall also indicate for illustrative purposes only the course of the delimitation on an appropriate chart.

3 - After consultation with the Parties, the Court shall designate a technical expert to assist it in carrying out the duties specified in paragraph 2 above.

ARTICLE 3

1 - The Court may perform its functions only when all members are present.

2 - All members of the Court shall be deemed to be present notwithstanding the existence of a vacancy in the following cases :

a) where the only matter for consideration is the declaration of a vacancy for the purposes of Article 1, or

b) where either Party has neglected to fill a vacancy as provided by paragraph 2 of Article 1.

3 - Subject to paragraph 4 of this Article, the decisions of the Court shall be made by a majority of its members.

4 - In the case of an even division of the votes in the circumstances referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the vote of the President shall be decisive.

5 - Subject to the provisions of this agreement, the Court shall decide on its procedures and on all questions respecting the conduct of the arbitration.