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No. 9074. TREATY¹ BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE
REPUBLIC AND THE EASTERN REPUBLIC OF
URUGUAY — CONCERNING THE BOUNDARY
CONSTITUTED BY THE RIVER URUGUAY. SIGNED
AT MONTEVIDEO, ON 7 APRIL 1961

The Government of the Argentine Republic and the Government of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, motivated by the common desire to tighten the close and immutable bonds of affection and friendship which have always existed between their respective peoples, have decided to settle once and for all the question of the boundaries situated in the section of the River Uruguay which constitutes the frontier between the two countries.

The two Governments, considering that, while they have identical rights over the said section of the river, there are other factors which should be taken into account when setting it as a boundary, for example, its general configuration, the characteristics of its navigable channels, the presence of islands in its bed, historical claims to those islands and instruments of present jurisdiction over them, and also the practical requirements of navigation, have decided to adopt as the boundary a composite line which shall take into account the aforesaid considerations and at the same time satisfy as fully as possible the aspirations and interests of the two Contracting States.

For this purpose they have decided to conclude a treaty on boundaries and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries: The Argentine Republic: His Excellency Dr. Diógenes Taboada, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Public Worship; and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay: Mr. Homero Martínez Montero, Minister for Foreign Affairs,

Who, having exchanged their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The boundary between the Argentine Republic and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay in the River Uruguay, from a line approximately at right angles to both banks of the river passing close to the south-western point of Brasilera Island to the Punta Gorda parallel, shall be fixed as follows:

¹ Came into force on 19 January 1966 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which took place at Buenos Aires, in accordance with article 11.

(A) From the aforementioned line passing close to the southwestern point of Brasilera Island to the Ayui area (the contour where the Salto Grande dam is to be built) the boundary shall follow the centre line of the present bed of the river. This line shall be inflected as necessary to leave the following islands and islets under Argentine jurisdiction: Correntino Islet, Correntina Island, Itacumbú Island, Itacumbú Islets (two), Timboy Islands (two) and Infiernillo Islet; and the following islands and islets under Uruguayan jurisdiction: Padre Island, Zapallo Island, Rica Island, Carbonera Island, Misionera Island, Guaviyú Island, unnamed island (Tigre, near the Arroyo del Tigre), Paredón Island, Las Vacas Island, Gaspar Island, Yacuy Island, Belén Island, El Ceibal Island, Herrera Island, Verdún Island and the adjacent islet, Francia Island, Redonda Island and the adjacent islets, El Naufragio Islets (eight), Salto Grande Island, Lobos Islands (two), El Medio Island (one island and four islets) and Abajo Island (one island and two islets). The inflections shall be eliminated when, as a result of the work on the Salto Grande dam, the islands and islets which made them necessary are submerged.

(B) (i) From the Ayui to a point in the area where the Filomena and El Medio channels divide, the boundary shall follow a line coinciding with the centre of the main navigation channel.

(ii) From the point in the area where the Filomena and El Medio channels divide to a point in the area where these channels join, the boundary shall likewise divide into two lines:

- (a) One line shall coincide with the centre of the Filomena channel (main navigation channel) and shall be the boundary only for the purposes of dividing the waters, those to the west of that line remaining under the jurisdiction of Argentina, and those to the east of that line remaining under the jurisdiction of Uruguay.
- (b) The other line shall run through El Medio channel and shall be the boundary only for the purposes of dividing the islands, those to the west of that line remaining under the jurisdiction of Argentina, and those to the east of that line remaining under the jurisdiction of Uruguay, which shall have free and permanent access to them.

(iii) From the point where the Filomena and El Medio channels join to the Punta Gorda parallel the lines shall merge again into a single line constituting the boundary for all purposes and coinciding with the centre of the main navigation channel.

In accordance with the demarcation laid down in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this article, the following islands and islets shall remain under Argentine jurisdiction: Pelada Island, San José Island, Pepeají Island,