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AN ACT to provide for the ratification of the agreement between the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of France in the Caribbean Region on the delimitation of maritime space.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Delimitation of Maritime Space (Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of France in the Caribbean Region) (Ratification of Agreement) Act 2017

2. Commencement

This Act shall come into effect upon publication in the *Gazette*.

3. Ratification

The Agreement signed on the 15th March 2017 at St. John's in Antigua and Barbuda by Honourable Gaston Browne in his capacity as Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and M. Philippe Ardanaz the Ambassador of France to the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States on behalf of the Republic of France is hereby ratified.

Passed by the House of Representatives
on the day of 2017.

Passed by the Senate on the
day of 2017.

Speaker

President

Clerk to the House of Representative

Clerk to the Senate

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to ratify the Agreement between Antigua and Barbuda and the Republic of France in the Caribbean Region on the delimitation of maritime boundaries between Antigua and Barbuda and the Departments of the Republic of France in the region, namely Saint Barthelemy and Guadeloupe.

The Agreement to which the Bill refers is one which affects the territorial integrity of Antigua and Barbuda. Therefore, section 3(2)(a) of the Ratification of Treaties Act, Cap 364 requires that before the Agreement can enter into force in relation to Antigua and Barbuda, it must be ratified by an Act of Parliament.

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Immigration and International Trade*