

TURKEY

Shipping: Louisiana Offshore Oil Port

**TIAS 11239**

April 9, 1984, Date-Signed; April 10, 1984, Date-Signed

April 10, 1984, Date-In-Force

**STATUS:**

[\*1] Agreement effected by exchange of notes  
Signed at Washington April 9 and 10, 1984;  
Entered into force April 10, 1984.

[NO LONG-TITLE IN ORIGINAL]

**TEXT:**

*The Turkish Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

TURKISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON D.C.

April 9, 1984

The Honorable  
George P. Shultz  
Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C.

Excellency,

I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two governments in connection with the establishment of deepwater ports off the coast of the United States and the jurisdictional requirements of the United States Deepwater Port Act of 1974, n1 and to confirm that the two governments are in agreement that vessels registered in or flying the flag of Turkey and the personnel on board such vessels utilizing the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP, Inc.), a deepwater port facility established under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 for the purposes stated therein shall, whenever they may be present within the safety zone of such deepwater port, be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and Turkey on the same basis as when in coastal ports of the United States.

-----Footnotes-----

n1 88 Stat. 2126; 33 U.S.C. § 1501 *et seq.*

-----End Footnotes----- [\*2]

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States and of the Government of Turkey that this agreement shall not apply to vessels registered in or flying the flag of Turkey merely passing through the safety zone of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port without calling at or otherwise utilizing the port.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your government, I have the honor to propose that this note, together with your reply of confirmation thereto, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, to enter into force upon the receipt of your reply to that effect and to remain in force until terminated by six months' written notice by either party to the other.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*The Department of State to the Turkish Embassy*

The Department of State acknowledges receipt from the Turkish Embassy of a Note dated April 9, 1984 the terms of which are as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two governments in connection with the establishment of deepwater ports off the coast of the United States and the jurisdictional requirements of the United States Deepwater [\*3] Port Act of 1974, and to confirm that the two governments are in agreement that vessels registered in or flying the flag of Turkey and the personnel on board such vessels utilizing the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP, Inc.), a deepwater port facility established under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 for the purposes stated therein shall, whenever they may be present within the safety zone of such deepwater port, be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and Turkey, on the same basis as when in coastal ports of the United States.

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States and the Government of Turkey that this agreement shall not apply to vessels registered in or flying the flag of Turkey merely passing through the safety zone of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port without calling at or otherwise utilizing the port.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I have the honor to propose that this Note, together with your reply of confirmation thereto, shall constitute an Agreement between our two governments, to enter into force upon the receipt of your reply to that effect, and to remain in force until terminated by six months' written notice by either [\*4] party to the other.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration."

The Department of State advises the Embassy of Turkey that the Government of the United States agrees to this arrangement and will regard your note and this reply as constituting an agreement between our respective Governments on these matters.

**SIGNATORIES:**

Dr. Sukru Elekdag

Ambassador of the

Turkish Republic

Department of State,

Washington, April 10, 1984