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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to amend the baselines of the Philippine Archipelago defined and delineated under Republic Act No. 3046, as amended by Republic Act No. 5446, to conform to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, particularly Article 47 thereof which provides:

Art. 47. Archipelagic baselines

1. An archipelagic State may draw straight archipelagic baselines joining the outermost points of the outermost islands and drying reefs of the archipelago provided that within such baselines are included the main islands and an area in which the ratio of the area of the water to the area of the land, including atolls, is between 1 to 1 and 9 to 1.
2. The length of such baselines shall not exceed 100 nautical miles, except that up to 3 per cent of the total number of baselines enclosing any archipelago may exceed that length, up to a maximum length of 125 nautical miles.
3. The drawing of such baselines shall not depart to any appreciable extent from the general configuration of the archipelago.

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It bears stressing that under Article 48 of the Convention, "the breadth of the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf shall be measured from archipelagic baselines drawn in accordance with article 47."

The bill likewise reiterates our sovereignty over the Kalayaan Group of Islands declared as part of the Philippine territory under Presidential Decree No. 1596. As part of the Philippine territory, they shall be considered as a "regime of islands" under Article 121 of the Convention.

Under Article 46 of the Convention, "Archipelagic States" are explicitly acknowledged and they may be constituted "wholly by one or more archipelagos and may include other islands".


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AN ACT
TO AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3046, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 3046, entitled "An Act to Define the Baselines of the Territorial Sea of the Philippines", as amended by Section 1 of Republic Act No. 5446, is hereby amended to read as follows.

"Section 1. The archipelagic baselines of the Philippines shall be measured from basepoints that are hereby defined and described specifically as follows:

Basepoint No.	Station Name	Location	World Geodetic System of 1984 (WGS 84 Coordinates)		Distance (M)
			Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	
1	PAB-01	Amianan Is.	21° 6' 57.73"	121° 57' 27.71"	69.99
2	PAB-02	Balintang Is.	19° 57' 41.14"	122° 9' 49.79"	99.21
3	PAB-04	Iligan Pt.	18° 18' 35.31"	122° 20' 18.67"	71.83
4	PAB-05A	Ditolong Pt.	17° 7' 16.30"	122° 31' 28.34"	1.05
5	PAB-05B	Ditolong Pt.	17° 6' 14.79"	122° 31' 43.84"	0.39
6	PAB-05	Ditolong Pt.	17° 5' 51.31"	122° 31' 42.66"	3.29
7	PAB-06	Spires Is.	17° 2' 36.91"	122° 31' 3.28"	9.74
8	PAB-06B	Digollorin Pt.	16° 53' 18.03"	122° 27' 56.61"	3.51
9	PAB-06C	Digollorin Rk.	16° 49' 56.11"	122° 26' 50.78"	2.40
10	PAB-07	Diviuisa Pt.	16° 47' 38.86"	122° 26' 4.40"	31.13
11	PAB-08	Dijohan Pt.	16° 18' 36.82"	122° 14' 3.48"	116.54*
12	PAB-10A	Tinaga Is.	14° 29' 31.22"	122° 57' 43.86"	80.29
13	PAB-11	Horodaba Rk.	14° 6' 29.91"	124° 16' 59.21"	0.54
14	PAB-12	Matulin Rk.	14° 6' 10.40"	124° 17' 26.28"	96.04
15	PAB-13	Atalaya Pt.	12° 41' 6.37"	125° 3' 53.71"	6.79
16	PAB-13A	Bacan Is.	12° 36' 18.41"	125° 8' 50.19"	5.52
17	PAB-14	Finch Rk.	12° 32' 33.62"	125° 12' 59.70"	0.80
18	PAB-14A	Cube Rk.	12° 31' 57.45"	125° 13' 32.37"	4.90
19	PAB-14D	NW Manjud Pt.	12° 28' 36.42"	125° 17' 12.32"	1.30
20	PAB-15	SE Manjud Pt.	12° 27' 37.51"	125° 18' 5.23"	7.69
21	PAB-16A	Sora Cay (East)	12° 21' 41.64"	125° 23' 7.41"	5.68
22	PAB-16B	Panablilion	12° 17' 27.17"	125° 27' 0.12"	5.21
23	PAB-16C	Alugon	12° 13' 21.95"	125° 30' 19.47"	1.94
24	PAB-16D	N Bunga Pt.	12° 11' 48.16"	125° 31' 30.88"	0.54

25	PAB-17A	E Bunga Pt.	12° 11' 20.67"	125 °31' 48.29"	5.40
26	PAB-18A	Tubabao Is. (SE)	12° 6' 23.38"	125 °34' 2.29"	83.96
27	PAB-19C	Suluan Is.	10° 45' 27.37"	125 °58' 4.69"	56.32
28	PAB-19D	N Tuason Pt.	9° 50' 6.44"	126 ° 9' 55.25"	1.46
29	PAB-20	Tuason Pt.	9° 48' 38.95"	126 °10' 6.46"	56.34
30	PAB-20A	Arangasa Is.	8° 53' 2.78"	126 °20' 47.52"	40.30
31	PAB-21B	Sanco Pt.	8° 13' 23.18"	126 °28' 58.88"	30.85
32	PAB-22	Bagoso Is.	7° 42' 50.97"	126 °34' 20.22"	13.07
33	PAB-22C	Languyan	7° 29' 49.47"	126 °35' 59.24"	0.54
34	PAB-23	Languyan	7° 29' 16.85"	126 °35' 56.20"	0.76
35	PAB-23B	Languyan	7° 28' 30.95"	126 °35' 53.76"	1.02
36	PAB-23C	N Baculin Pt.	7° 27' 29.42"	126 °35' 51.71"	10.12
37	PAB-24	Pusan Pt.	7° 17' 19.80"	126 °36' 18.16"	64.41
38	PAB-25B	Cape San Agustin	6° 17' 14.73"	126 °12' 14.40"	1.28
39	PAB-25	Cape San Agustin	6° 16' 8.35"	126 °11' 35.06"	67.39
40	PAB-26	SE Tip Sarangani Is.	5° 23' 42.48"	125 °28' 47.45"	0.60
41	PAB-27	Panguil Bato Pt.	5° 23' 21.86"	125 °28' 17.45"	3.41
42	PAB-28	Tapundo Pt.	5° 21' 55.66"	125 °25' 11.21"	3.35
43	PAB-29	W Calia Pt.	5° 21' 59.21"	125 °21' 49.93"	0.85
44	PAB-30	Manamil Is.	5° 22' 6.15"	125 °20' 59.07"	1.78
45	PAB-31	Marampog Pt.	5° 23' 21.92"	125 °19' 43.41"	78.60
46	PAB-32	NW Pola Pt.	6° 9' 18.41"	124 °15' 34.93"	122.73*
47	PAB-33A	Kauluan Is.	6° 26' 47.22"	122° 13' 34.50"	29.59
48	PAB-34A	Tongquil Is.	6° 2' 28.09"	121° 56' 28.35"	2.25
49	PAB-35	Tongquil Is.	6° 1' 7.36"	121° 54' 39.26"	1.48
50	PAB-35A	Tongquil Is.	6° 0' 24.86"	121° 53' 20.84"	0.77
51	PAB-36	Tongquil Is.	6° 0' 4.66"	121° 52' 39.05"	85.37
52	PAB-38A	Kinapusan Is.	5° 12' 8.70"	120° 41' 38.14"	55.13
53	PAB-39	Manuk Manka Is.	4° 47' 44.76"	119° 52' 2.46"	43.55
54	PAB-40	Frances Reef	4° 24' 53.84"	119° 14' 50.71"	15.78
55	PAB-41A	Bajapa Reef	4° 36' 1.24"	119° 3' 35.47"	6.85
56	PAB-42A	Paguan Is.	4° 42' 40.45"	119° 1' 49.71"	4.03
57	PAB-43	Alice Reef	4° 46' 12.43"	119° 3' 48.12"	1.66
58	PAB-44	Alice Reef	4° 47' 5.36"	119° 5' 12.94"	18.60
59	PAB-45	Omapoy Rk.	4° 55' 10.45"	119° 22' 1.30"	23.37
60	PAB-46	Bukut Lapis Pt.	5° 2' 23.73"	119° 44' 18.14"	44.20
61	PAB-47	Pearl Bank	5° 46' 35.15"	119° 39' 51.77"	75.18
62	PAB-48	Baguan Is.	6° 6' 1.19"	118° 26' 57.49"	8.56
63	PAB-48A	Taganak Is.	6° 4' 14.08"	118° 18' 33.33"	13.48
64	PAB-49	Great Bakkungaan Is.	6° 11' 6.07"	118° 6' 53.13"	3.94
65	PAB-50	Lihiman Is.	6° 13' 39.90"	118° 3' 52.09"	5.53
66	PAB-51	Sibaung Is.	6° 17' 43.99"	118° 0' 5.44"	41.68
67	PAB-52	Muligi Is.	6° 52' 22.98"	118° 23' 37.43"	74.83
68	PAB-53	South Mangsee Is.	7° 30' 25.13"	117° 18' 40.82"	25.95
69	PAB-54	Balabac Is.	7° 48' 36.82"	116° 59' 57.30"	2.34
70	PAB-54A	Gnat Reef	7° 49' 45.88"	116° 57' 53.58"	5.07
71	PAB-54B	Balabac Great Reef	7° 52' 19.86"	116° 53' 28.73"	2.27
72	PAB-55	Balabac Great Reef	7° 54' 36.35"	116° 53' 16.64"	7.42
73	PAB-60	Ada Reef	8° 2' 0.26"	116° 54' 10.04"	11.28
74	PAB-61	Secam Is.	8° 11' 6.45"	117° 0' 56.16"	30.52
75	PAB-62	Latud Pt.	8° 37' 56.37"	117° 15' 51.23"	8.86
76	PAB-63	Tatub Pt.	8° 44' 46.92"	117° 21' 34.89"	10.94
77	PAB-63A	W Sicud Pt.	8° 53' 32.20"	117 °28' 15.78"	13.20
78	PAB-64	Tarumpitao Pt.	9° 2' 57.47"	117 ° 37' 38.88"	81.12
79	PAB-64B	Dry Is.	9° 59' 22.54"	118 °36' 53.61"	82.76
80	PAB-65C	Binangcolan Pt.	11° 13' 19.82"	119 °15' 17.74"	74.65
81	PAB-67	Pinnacle Rk.	12° 19' 35.22"	119 °50' 56.00"	93.88
82	PAB-68	Cabra Is.	13° 53' 21.45"	120 ° 1' 5.86"	115.69*
83	PAB-71	Hermana Mayor Is.	15° 48' 43.61"	119 °46' 56.09"	9.30
84	PAB-72	Tambobo Pt.	15° 57' 51.67"	119 °44' 55.32"	12.06
85	PAB-73B	Rena Pt.	16° 9' 57.90"	119 °45' 15.76"	0.25
86	PAB-73	Rena Pt.	16° 10' 12.42"	119° 45' 11.95"	6.43
87	PAB-74	Rocky Ledge	16° 16' 34.46"	119° 46' 19.50"	0.65
88	PAB-74A	Piedra Pt.	16° 17' 12.70"	119° 46' 28.52"	1.30

89	PAB-75	Piedra Pt.	16° 18' 29.49"	119° 46' 44.94"	1.04
90	PAB-75C	Piedra Pt.	16° 19' 28.20"	119° 47' 7.69"	0.71
91	PAB-75D	Piedra Pt.	16° 20' 10.91"	119° 47' 10.76"	80.56
92	PAB-76	Dile Pt.	17° 34' 24.94"	120° 20' 33.36"	6.86
93	PAB-77	Pinget Is.	17° 41' 17.56"	120° 21' 2.02"	14.15
94	PAB-78	Badoc Is.	17° 55' 4.13"	120° 24' 40.56"	35.40
95	PAB-79	Cape Bojeador	18° 29' 32.42"	120° 33' 42.41"	1.77
96	PAB-79B	Bobon	18° 30' 52.88"	120° 34' 55.35"	53.23
97	PAB-80	Calagangan Pt.	19° 10' 14.78"	121° 12' 52.64"	98.07
98	PAB-82	Itbayat, Batanes	20° 43' 15.74"	121° 46' 57.80"	25.58
99	PAB-83	Amianan Is.	21° 7' 14.51"	121° 56' 44.22"	0.04
100	PAB-84	Amianan Is.	21° 7' 16.29"	121° 56' 46.17"	0.36
101	PAB-85	Amianan Is.	21° 7' 7.66"	121° 57' 7.58"	0.35

SECTION 2. The Kalayaan Island Group declared as belonging and subject to the sovereignty of the Philippines under Presidential Decree No. 1596 shall be considered as a "regime of islands" under Article 121 of the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*.

SECTION 3. This Act shall be without prejudice to Philippine dominion and sovereignty over all portions of the national territory as defined under Article 1 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and by applicable laws.

SECTION 4. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen days following its publication in the Official Gazette in any two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,