Requirement of a Model of Order of Precedence

- Boundary disputes appear all over the world.
- Disputes appear mainly where boundaries were improperly delimited or demarcated in the past, usually by colonial powers, due to lack of importance of an area or improper methods.
- Improper boundary delimitations may create political, security or economic disputes which may lead to armed conflicts.
- In the process of solving the disputes, sometimes via legal procedures, existing evidences of boundary delimitations and demarcations are taken into account.
- Thus, the order of precedence of the various evidences is important.

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The Order of Precedence of International Boundary Delimitations

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Precise Detailed Documentation

- Is most important if jointly prepared and signed.
- * Follows the demarcation and surveying.
- Includes a list of coordinates of boundary pillars or points, preferably on a common datum, a map or a layout, and additional descriptions and information.
- It's main legal strength is given by signatures of authorized representatives of both states.

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Order of Precedence of Evidences

- Official jointly signed precise boundary documentation.
- Existing original boundary pillars.
- * List of coordinates of boundary pillars.
- * Appearance of the boundary line on maps.
- * Graphic description.
- * Verbal description.

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- * Maps are considered complicated evidence.
- Maps are valuable in the absence of recognized coordinates and pillars.
- Serve against a state, if a state shows on its own maps a line which supports the position of the opposite state.
- The larger the scale is, the better the quality is and the more the maps are contemporary with the original agreement, the higher their importance as evidence.

Existing Boundary Pillars

- Are most important in the absence of a jointly agreed precise documentation.
- Get legal strength as they exist for a long period and are recognized by both sides.
- Are more important than the appearance of the line on maps.

Verbal Delimitation

- The very basic definition and description of a boundary.
- Was used in old delimitations, especially for boundaries which followed natural geographic features.
- Is important in the absence of accurate definitions, but usually leads to boundary disputes with regard to contradicting interpretations.

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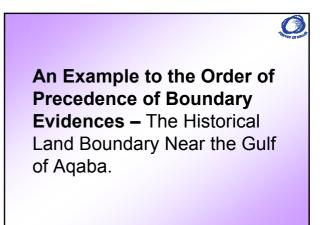
Graphical Scheme or Layout

- Usually maps or charts with no coordinate reference, and no accurate scale.
- Were used mainly in old boundary descriptions.

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 Have limited weight which becomes more significant mainly if produced close to the original boundary delimitation for geographic names, and significant descriptions connected to the delimitation.

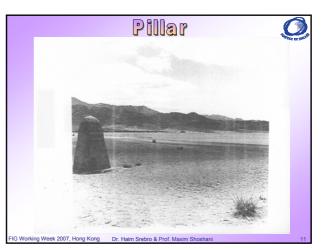
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Conclusions



- Joint precise boundary delimitation is essential to reduce boundary disputes and for future boundary reconstruction.
- There is an order of precedence of boundary evidences of delimitations and demarcations of which a joint detailed boundary documentation including precise coordinates are of highest priority.
- This order of precedence should be taken into account not only in the process of solving boundary disputes, but also in the process of making a new boundary in order to save future disputes.

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Verbal Delimitation

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