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ratified by Cambodia, and the Cambodian government, in drawing up the new decree, used the principles contained in the Geneva Convention. It should be noted that the Gulf of Siam is at no point deeper than 50 meters. Therefore, it was necessary to use a clause of the convention specifying that the borders of the continental shelf are determined by a line based on the coast, extrapolated from the terrestrial borders.

Mr. Chhann Sokhum also said that the decree is necessary because there have hitherto been no documents establishing the borders of Cambodia's continental shelf. There are treaties and protocols to the treaties concluded between France and Thailand, especially the Franco-Thai Treaty of March 23, 1907, and the subsequent proces-verbal on the delimitation of the frontier dated February 18, 1908. The new decree refers to this treaty and proces-verbal and is also based on French naval map number 1972, drawn-up in 1949 on a scale of 1/1,096,000.

The new decree not only permits us to legalize all extant documents, but should also facilitate the work of Cambodian negotiators already in contact with the Thai and South Vietnamese governments. Together they will delimit precisely the borders of the continental shelf in such a fashion as to forestall possible differences, especially when explorations for petroleum are undertaken throughout the Gulf of Siam.

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