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**Mexico opposes renaming of the Gulf of Mexico – 3rd February 2025**

## Level 4

US President Donald Trump wants the Gulf of Mexico to be called the Gulf of America. President Trump said: "America will reclaim its rightful place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. government said it "is proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the legacy of American greatness".

The USA can use "Gulf of America" on official US maps. However, no international organization can mandate the global acceptance of name changes. Mexico's president has opposed the name change. She said the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for four centuries. She joked that if there were to be name changes, the USA should be called "Mexican America," as on a map from 1607. The UN says a country's territory only extends 19 km from its coastline.

## Level 5

US President Donald Trump wants the Gulf of Mexico, which is surrounded by the USA, Mexico, and Cuba, to be renamed the Gulf of America. After his inauguration in January, President Trump said: "America will reclaim its rightful place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. government declared that it "is proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the legacy of American greatness".

The US Board on Geographic Names can use "Gulf of America" on official US maps. However, no international organization has the jurisdiction to mandate the global acceptance of name changes. Mexico's president has opposed the name change. She said the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for four centuries. She said the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea stipulates that a country's territory only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline. She joked that if there were to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," as on a map from 1607.

## Level 6

U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered the renaming of the Gulf of Mexico. He wants the body of water, which is surrounded by the USA, Mexico, and Cuba, to be renamed the Gulf of America. Shortly after his inauguration on the 20th of January, President Trump said: "America will reclaim its rightful place as the greatest, most powerful, most respected nation on Earth, inspiring the awe and admiration of the entire world." He added: "We are going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America." The U.S. Department of the Interior declared that it "is proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor the legacy of American greatness".

The USA's Board on Geographic Names can change the name to Gulf of America on official U.S. maps. However, there is no international organization with the jurisdiction to mandate the global acceptance of place names. Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum has opposed the name change. She pointed out that the name "Gulf of Mexico" has existed for over four centuries. She also cited the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which stipulates that a country's sovereign territory only extends 19 kilometres from its coastline. She retorted that if there were to be name changes, the United States should be called "Mexican America," as depicted on a map of the continent from 1607.