

Act No. 573 of 1 April 1977  
(amending Act No. 186 of 13 September 1967 on the Territorial Sea,  
Contiguous Zone, Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf )

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Article 1

The title of Act No. 186 of 13 September 1967 and articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall be amended as follows:

Title: "On the Territorial Sea, Contiguous Zone, Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf".

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Article 4

There shall be established a zone situated outside the territorial sea and adjacent to it known as the "Exclusive Economic Zone".

(1) The "Exclusive Economic Zone" shall extend in the direction of the high seas up to 200 nautical miles measured from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. The limits of the zone shall be established by a broken line beginning at the first boundary mark on our frontier with the neighbouring Republic of Haiti, at the mouth of the River Masacre or Dajabón and passing through points whose geographical positions are as follows:

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| (a) River Masacre boundary  |                     |
| (b) Lat. 19° 50' 30" N  | Long. 72° 02" W     |
| (c) Lat. 20° 33' 30" N  | Long. 72° 08' 20" W |
| (d) Lat. 20° 36' N  | Long. 71° 38' W     |
| (e) Lat. 20° 33' N  | Long. 71° 27' W     |
| (f) Lat. 20° 34' 30" N  | Long. 71° 08' 30" W |
| (g) Lat. 20° 44' 30" N  | Long. 70° 23' 30" W |
| (h) Lat. 21° 11' 30" N  | Long. 69° 29' W     |
| (i) Lat. 22° 23' 30" N  | Long. 67° 45' W     |
| (j) Lat. 21° 49' N  | Long. 67° 24' W     |
| (k) Lat. 18° 33' 20" N  | Long. 67° 44' W     |
| (l) Lat. 18° 29' 30" N  | Long. 67° 47' 30" W |
| (m) Lat. 18° 21' 40" N  | Long. 68° 07' W     |
| (n) Lat. 18° 06' N  | Long. 68° 15' 30" W |
| (ñ) Lat. 16° 08' 30" N  | Long. 68° 00' 21" W |
| (o) Lat. 15° 18' N  | Long. 69° 29' 30" W |
| (p) Lat. 15° 02' N  | Long. 73° 27' 30" W |
| (q) Lat. 16° 50" N  | Long. 72° 49' W     |
| (r) Lat. 17° 49" N  | Long. 72° 05' 30" W |
| (s) Last boundary mark on border with Haiti, at Pedernales to meet with the last boundary mark on the border with Haiti at the mouth of the River Pedernales. |                     |

#### Article 5

The Dominican State shall exercise sovereign rights in this zone for the purposes of exploration and exploitation, conservation and administration of natural resources, both living and non-living, of the seabed and subsoil and superjacent waters.

- (1) It shall also exercise exclusive rights and jurisdiction with respect to the establishment and utilization of artificial islands, installations and structures within the zone.
- (2) The Dominican State shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction with respect to other activities with a view to the exploration and economic exploitation of this zone, such as the production of energy derived from water, currents and winds.
- (3) The Dominican State shall exercise jurisdiction with respect to the preservation of the marine environment, including control and reduction of pollution.
- (4) The Dominican State shall regulate the investigation, exploration and exploitation of resources within this zone.

#### Article 6

The establishment of this exclusive economic zone shall not affect the right of navigation and overflight and the right to lay cables and submarine pipelines or other legitimate and reasonable international uses of the sea, without prejudice to compliance with the laws and regulations laid down by the Dominican State in accordance with this Act and with the norms of international law.

#### Article 7

The Dominican State shall exercise sovereign rights over the continental shelf for purposes of its exploration and the exploitation of its natural resources.

- (1) For the purposes of this article, the term "Continental Shelf" includes the sea-bed and subsoil of the submarine areas stretching beyond the territorial sea and all along the natural extension of its land territory up to the outer edge of the continental terrace, or up to a distance of 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the territorial sea is measured in cases where the outer edge of the continental terrace does not extend to that distance.
- (2) The rights referred to in this article are exclusive in the sense that, if the State does not explore the continental shelf or exploit its natural resources, no one may undertake these activities without its express consent.
- (3) The natural resources to which these provisions refer are the mineral and other non-living resources of the sea-bed and the subsoil thereof, as well as living organisms belonging to sedentary species, that is, those which during the period of exploitation are immobile in the sea-bed or the subsoil thereof or which can only move in constant physical contact with the sea-bed or the subsoil thereof.

#### Article 8

The provisions of this Act shall be applied in harmony with the relevant norms of international law and conventions in force on the subject, which shall apply to the exclusive economic zone, insofar as they are not incompatible.

Article 2

This Act repeals any provision which conflicts with it.