

**Statement Issued by the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Democratic Kampuchea would like to reaffirm the stand of Democratic Kampuchea concerning the territorial sea, the contiguous zone, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf of Democratic Kampuchea, the stand that the Government of Democratic Kampuchea has successively stated precisely.

1. Democratic Kampuchea exercises its full and entire sovereignty over its territorial sea, the breadth of which is established on 12 nautical miles, measured from the baselines. Democratic Kampuchea also exercises this sovereignty over the airspace over its territorial sea as well as over the bed and subsoil of its territorial sea.
2. Democratic Kampuchea entirely exercises its rights of control over the contiguous zone which extend on 12 nautical miles from the external limit of its territorial sea.
3. Democratic Kampuchea has exclusive sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing all the natural resources of the superjacent waters, the bed and the subsoil of its exclusive economic zone situated beyond its territorial sea and extending up to 200 nautical miles from the baselines.

Democratic Kampuchea exercises its exclusive sovereign rights over its continental shelf, comprising the sea-bed and subsoil of the submarine areas that extend beyond its territorial sea throughout the natural prolongation of its land territory. Democratic Kampuchea exercises these sovereign rights over its continental shelf for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing all the natural resources of the sea-bed and subsoil.

4. All the islands of Democratic Kampuchea have their territorial seas, their contiguous zones, their exclusive economic zones and their continental shelves.
5. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea takes appropriate steps to safeguard entirely the sovereignty, rights and interests of Democratic Kampuchea in its territorial sea, its contiguous zone, its exclusive economic zone and its continental shelf.
6. The Government of Democratic Kampuchea will settle with parties concerned by the above maritime zones according to each specific situation.

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