

Information concerning the jurisdiction of the Gulf of Surt(1)

The Libyan Arab Republic makes the following announcement:

The Gulf of Surt located within the territory of the Libyan Arab Republic and surrounded by land boundaries on its east, south and west side, and extending north offshore to latitude 32 degrees and 30 minutes, constitutes an integral part of the territory of the Libyan Arab Republic and is under its complete sovereignty.

As the Gulf penetrates Libyan territory and forms a part thereof, it constitutes internal waters, beyond which the territorial waters of the Libyan Arab Republic start.

Through history and without any dispute, the Libyan Arab Republic has exercised its sovereignty over the Gulf. Because of the Gulf's geographical location commanding a view of the southern part of the country, it is therefore crucial to the security of the Libyan Arab Republic. Consequently, complete surveillance over its area is necessary to ensure the security and safety of the State.

In view of the aforementioned facts, the Libyan Arab Republic declares that the Gulf of Surt, defined within the borders stated above, is under its complete national sovereignty and jurisdiction in regard to legislative, judicial, administrative and other aspects related to ships and persons that may be present within its limits.

Private and public foreign ships are not allowed to enter the Gulf without prior permission from the authorities of the Libyan Arab Republic and in accordance with the regulations established by it in this regard.

The Libyan Arab Republic reserves the sovereign rights over the Gulf for its nationals. In general, the Libyan Arab Republic exercises complete rights of sovereignty over the Gulf of Surt as it does over any part of the territory of the State.

Endnotes

1 (Note - Note)

United Nations, Legislative Series, ST/LEG/SER.B/18, p. 26.