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The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

General People's Committee

General People's Committee Decision No. 260 of A.J. 1377 (A.D. 2009) concerning the declaration of the exclusive economic zone of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The General People's Committee,

Having examined:

Act No. 1 of A.J. 1375 concerning People's Congresses and People's Committees and the related implementing regulation;

Act No. 2 of 14 February 1959 concerning the delineation of territorial waters;

General People's Committee Decision No. 37 of A.J. 1373 concerning the declaration of a Libyan fisheries protection zone in the Mediterranean Sea;

General People's Committee Decision No. 104 of A.J. 1373 concerning straight baselines for measuring the territorial waters and maritime zones of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya;

General People's Committee Decision No. 105 of A.J. 1373 concerning the delineation of a Libyan fisheries protection zone in the Mediterranean Sea;

The decisions adopted by the General People's Committee at its tenth and thirteenth regular meetings of A.J. 1377;

Decides as follows:

Article 1

An exclusive economic zone of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, adjacent to and extending as far beyond its territorial waters as permitted under international law, is hereby declared. If necessary, the outer limits of this zone shall be established together with neighbouring States in accordance with instruments concluded on the basis of international law.

Article 2

The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya shall have sovereign rights in the exclusive economic zone for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing the natural resources, whether living or non-living, of the waters superjacent to the seabed and its subsoil, and with regard to other activities for the economic exploitation and exploration of that zone, and shall have jurisdiction over that zone in accordance with international law.

Article 3

The present decision shall enter into force on the date on which it is adopted. It shall be published in the Official Gazette and the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be given notice thereof.

(Signed) [illegible]

General People's Committee

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