

Decree by the Council of Ministers, No. 86/11264, dated 17 December 1986

#### ARTICLE 1

The Turkish exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea established for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing the living and non-living resources of the waters superjacent to the seabed and of the seabed and its subsoil of maritime areas adjacent to the Turkish territorial sea and protecting other economic interests in the Republic of Turkey. Extends to a distance 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial waters of Turkey in this sea is measured.

Taking into account the dimensions of the Black Sea, delimitation agreements shall be effected with States with coasts opposite or adjacent to the coast of Turkey to determine the boundaries of the exclusive economic zone. These agreements shall be effected through negotiations. By taking into account the Turkish Legislation and in accordance with equitable principles in order to achieve equitable solutions. The agreements previously concluded by Turkey concerning the delimitations of maritime areas in the Black Sea shall not be affected.

#### ARTICLE 2

(1) In its exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea Turkey, among other rights, shall have sovereign rights:

A. For the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving and managing the living and non-living natural resources of the waters superjacent to the seabed and of the seabed and its subsoil, and

B. With regard to other activities for the economic exploration and exploitation, including the production of energy from waters, currents and winds.

(2) Turkey shall also have exclusive rights and jurisdiction with regard to:

A. The establishment and use of artificial islands, installations and structures for the economic purposes and for the purposes of marine scientific research and the protection and the preservation of the marine environment as well as exclusive rights to construct and to authorize and regulate their construction, operation and use including jurisdiction with regard to customs, fiscal, health, safety and immigration laws and regulations.

B. Conduct, authorize and regulate, marine scientific research,

C. Establish regulations and control procedures necessary to preserve and protect the marine environment and to prevent, reduce and control, marine pollution.

3) The arrangements concerning the exercise of the rights and jurisdiction enumerated above shall be subject to the rules and procedures set out in this decree and relevant Turkish Legislation. Fishing by foreign vessels in the Turkish exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea shall be regulated on the basis of agreements between Turkey and the foreign States concerned.

#### ARTICLE 3

In the Turkish exclusive economic zone in the Black Sea vessels of other States shall enjoy the freedom of navigation and the aircraft of other States shall enjoy the freedom of overflight. Likewise, other States shall enjoy the freedom of the laying of submarine cables and pipelines in this zone.

However, in the exercise of these freedoms the legislation of Turkey and general practice shall be complied with.

#### ARTICLE 4

This decree shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

#### ARTICLE 5

This decree shall be enforced by the Council of Ministers.