

STATE COUNCIL
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

The State Council of the People's Republic of Bulgaria has issued pursuant to Article 94, item 2, para (2), of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bulgaria the following

DECREE No. 77

**on Establishing an Exclusive Economic Zone
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria in the Black Sea**

Promulgated State Gazette No. 2/09.01.1987

Article 1

An exclusive economic zone is hereby established in the sea area beyond the borders of the territorial sea of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, contiguous thereto, for a distance of 200 nautical miles as from the starting lines for measuring the range of the territorial sea.

Article 2

The People's Republic of Bulgaria shall exert within the exclusive economic zone:

1. Sovereign rights to survey, develop, use, protect and keep the animated and non-animated natural resources located on the sea bed, within the recesses thereof and the overlaying waters, as well as to undertake other types of economic activities related to the survey and use of the zone and its energy resources;
2. Rights and jurisdiction with respect to:
 - a) construction and use of man-made islands, installations and facilities;
 - b) undertaking of marine research operations;
 - c) protection of the marine environment;
3. Other rights ensuing from international treaties and other norms of international law.

Article 3

The exterior borders of the exclusive economic zone shall be determined by mutual agreements with adjacent and opposite neighboring countries in compliance with international law and in view of reaching a fair settlement.

Article 4

The legal regime of the exclusive economic zone shall be governed by law.

CONCLUDING PROVISION

Sole Paragraph

The implementation of this decree is assigned to the Council of Ministers.

Issued in Sofia on 7 January 1987 and sealed with the state coat of arms.

Chairman of the State Council
of the People's Republic of Bulgaria: **T. Zhivkov**

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