

Ordinance No. 24.

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Concerning the delimitation of territorial waters and creation of a protected maritime economic zone

The President of the Republic

Considering Ordinance No. 1 dated 14 January 1967;

Considering Ordinance No. 15 dated 14 April 1967;

The Council of Ministers orders:

Article 1

Territorial waters are fixed at a distance of 30 nautical miles counting from the lowest water mark at low tide.

Article 2

A protected economic maritime zone is created of 200 nautical miles from the baseline which establishes the territorial sea.

Article 3

In this zone the state reserves to itself the exploration and exploitation of biological and non-biological natural resources. The extent of its jurisdiction includes the entirety of economic resources situated on the surface of the water, in the ocean and in the sub-soil.

Article 4

In the spirit of intra-African solidarity, the Togolese State engages itself to allow neighboring states in the hinterland to participate in the exploration of biological resources in the context of bilateral and regional agreements.

Article 5

The present Ordinance will be published in the Official Journal of the republic of Togo.

Lome, 16 August 1977

Signed: General of the army

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