Decree-Law No. 1 of 24 February 1977
concerning the breadth of the territorial sea of the Republic of Cuba

Article 1

The territorial sea of the Republic of Cuba shall have a breadth of 12 nautical miles measured from the baseline determined in the present Legislative Decree, and its outer limit shall consist of a line every point of which is at an equal distance of 12 nautical miles from the closest point of the baseline.

Article 2

The baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea of the Republic of Cuba is measured shall consist of the straight lines joining the outermost points of the coast, islands, islets, keys and drying reefs surrounding it, and determined on the basis of the following geographical coordinates ...

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Article 4

The sovereignty which the socialist Cuban State exercises over the entire national territory, consisting of the Island of Cuba, the Isle of Pines, the other adjacent islands and keys, the internal waters, the territorial sea and the airspace over them and the subsoil of the land areas shall extend to the bed and subsoil of the aquatic territory consisting of the internal waters and the territorial sea and to all the natural resources whether living or non-living, in all the aforementioned areas, subject to the sovereignty of the Cuban State.

Article 5

The Republic of Cuba, without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding articles and in accordance with the principles of international law, shall respect the freedoms of navigation and overflight as regards straits or channels used for international navigation.

Article 6

Article 7, paragraph D, of the Code of Social Defence shall be amended to read as follows:

"D. For the purposes of this Code, the sea surrounding the coasts of the Republic up to a distance of twelve nautical miles, measured from the baseline consisting of the straight lines joining the outermost points of the coast, islands, islets, keys and drying reefs surrounding it, and whose geographical coordinates are determined by law, shall be considered territorial".