

Act No. 10/1977 of 4 January 1977

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Article 1

The sovereignty of the Spanish State shall extend, beyond its land territory and its internal waters, to the territorial sea adjacent to its coast, delimited in accordance with the provisions of the following articles.

Such sovereignty shall be exercised, in accordance with international law, over the water column, seabed, subsoil and resources of the territorial sea, and over the superjacent airspace.

Article 2

The inner limit of the territorial sea shall be determined by the low-water line and by such straight baselines as may be established by the Government.

Article 3

The outer limit of the territorial sea shall be determined by a line drawn in such a way that the points constituting it are at a distance of 12 nautical miles from the nearest points of the baselines referred to in the preceding article.

Article 4

Failing agreement to the contrary, the territorial sea shall not, in relation to neighbouring countries and countries whose coasts are opposite to those of Spain, extend beyond the median line every point of which is equidistant from the nearest points on the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial seas of each of the two countries is measured, such baselines being drawn in accordance with international law.

Article 5

This Act shall not affect the fishing rights recognized or established for foreign vessels under international agreements.

FIRST FINAL PROVISION

This legal enactment is not to be interpreted as recognition of any rights or situations in connection with the waters of Gibraltar other than those referred to in article 10 of the Treaty of Utrecht, of 13 July 1713, between the Crowns of Spain and Great Britain.

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