Royal Proclamation establishing the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Kingdom of Thailand, 23 February 1981

By Royal Command of His Majesty the King, it is hereby proclaimed that:

For the purpose of exercising the sovereign rights of the kingdom of Thailand with regard to the exploration and conservation of the natural resources, whether living or non-living, of the sea. It is deemed appropriate to establish the exclusive economic zone of the Kingdom of Thailand as follows:

1.   The exclusive economic zone of the Kingdom of Thailand is an area beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea whose breadth extends to two hundred nautical miles measured from the Baselines used for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea.

2.   In the exclusive economic zone, the Kingdom of Thailand has:

(a)   sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing the natural resources, whether living or non-linving, of the seabed and subsoil and the superjacent waters, and with regard to other activities for the economic exploration and exploitation of the zone, such as the production of energy from the water, currents and winds.

(b)   jurisdiction with regard to :

(i)   the establishment and use of artificial islands, installations and structures;

(ii) marine scientific research;

(iii) the preservation of the marine environment.

(c)   other rights as may exist under international law.

3.   In the exclusive economic zone, the freedoms of navigation and overflight and of the laying of submarine cables and pipelines shall be governed by international law.

4.   In any case where the exclusive economic zone of the Kingdom of Thailand is adjacent or opposite to the exclusive economic zone of another coastal State, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand is prepared to enter into negotiations with the coastal State concerned with a view to delimiting their respective exclusive economic zones.

Proclaimed on the 23rd day of February, B.E 2524, being the thirty sixth year of the present Reign.