

Translated from French

Act No. 2016-007 concerning maritime areas under national jurisdiction

The following Act, having been debated and adopted by the National Assembly, is hereby promulgated by the President of the Republic:

Article 1: The present Act concerns maritime areas under national jurisdiction, in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

Article 2: The breadth of the Togolese territorial sea shall be 12 nautical miles, measured from baselines established by ordinance No. 77-24 of 16 August 1977 delimiting territorial waters and creating a protected economic zone.

Article 3: A contiguous zone is hereby established, extending beyond the territorial sea up to 24 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

Article 4: In the contiguous zone, the State shall exercise the controls necessary to prevent infringement of its customs, fiscal, immigration or sanitary laws and regulations within its territory or territorial sea. It shall punish infringement of the above laws and regulations committed within its territory or territorial sea.

Article 5: An exclusive economic zone is hereby established, extending beyond and adjacent to the contiguous zone up to 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea, the extent of its jurisdiction and its sovereign rights are measured.

Article 6: In the exclusive economic zone, the State reserves the right to explore and exploit the living and non-living resources associated with it. It shall exercise its jurisdiction as provided for in the international instruments in force, in particular the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

The State nonetheless undertakes to allow neighbouring land-locked States to participate, where possible, in the exploitation of living resources under bilateral and regional agreements.

Article 7: The delimitation of Togolese maritime boundaries shall take place in compliance with articles 15, 74 and 83 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982.

Article 8: All previous provisions contrary to this Act are hereby repealed.

Article 9: The present Act shall be executed as a State law.

Done at Lomé, 30 March 2016

President of the Republic

Signed

Faure Essozimna **Gnassingbe**

Prime Minister

Signed

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