

Act proclaiming an Exclusive Economic Zone along the Atlantic Coast

In view of Act No. 001/CNS/92 proclaiming the Sovereign National Conference,

In view of rules 1, 3, 20 and 33 of the rules of procedure of the Sovereign National Conference,

Considering that common bodies of water are divided among States according to their legitimate interests,

Given that our country has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Convention concerning the Regional Development of Fisheries in the Gulf of Guinea,

Given that, notwithstanding these Conventions, the Congo never delimited its exclusive economic zone,

Considering that the division of the coastal maritime zone of the Atlantic Ocean does not safeguard Congolese interests,

Given that this situation is prejudicial to the nation,

Aware and convinced of the importance of conducting negotiations to resolve this issue, on the basis of equity and justice,

Motivated by the firm commitment to effect a change both at the national level and in the foreign policy of the Congolese nation,

In view of the foregoing,

RECOMMENDS:

Article 1

The proclamation of an exclusive economic zone along the Atlantic coast, the delimitation of which shall be effected through bilateral negotiations governed by the expert opinion of the United Nations.

Article 2

The Government shall be responsible for the execution of this Act, which shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Kinshasa on 4 November 1992.