

**Ordinance No. 24 delimiting the Territorial Waters
and creating a protected Economic Maritime Zone of 16 August 1977**

Article 1

The territorial waters shall extend for a distance of 30 nautical miles from the low-water line.

Article 2

There shall be established a protected economic maritime zone of 200 nautical miles from the baseline used to determine the territorial sea.

Article 3

In this zone the State shall reserve for itself the right to explore and to exploit living and non-living resources. Its jurisdiction shall extend to all the economic resources situated on the surface of the water, in the submarine area and in the subsoil of its bed.

Article 4

In a spirit of African solidarity, the Togolese State undertakes to allow the neighbouring States of the hinterland to participate in the exploitation of the living resources within the framework of bilateral or regional agreements.