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Bio-sketch

Mr. Mazen Adi graduated in 1997 from Damascus University School of Law. He later obtained a Master Degree in International Relations from St. John's University Rome Campus (2004). He joined the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998 where he worked in different departments including the International Organizations Department. Between 2000 and 2005, he worked as a diplomat at the Syrian Embassy in Rome and he was also an alternate Permanent Representative to the FAO where he participated in many meetings concerning fisheries. In 2005 he worked at the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department of International Organizations. Since 2007, Mr. Adi has been working as a Legal Advisor at the Syrian Mission to the United Nations covering the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly. His duties include, *inter alia*, covering all meetings of law of the sea and all legal issues such as terrorism, rule of law, and international law.

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Research Abstract

The importance of identifying the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Mediterranean Sea

There are twenty-one countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea. Those countries have been reluctant to proclaim their Exclusive Economic Zone, or at least to give effect to such a claim in the semi-enclosed Mediterranean Sea. Among the reasons behind the choice of delaying the establishment of the Exclusive Economic Zone, may be the existence of the difficult problem of delimitation still to be settled in this relatively narrow sea; however, the problems of this region of the world that prevent it from reaching the agreement on the EEZ is more political than legal. The research will explain aspects relating to the Maritime Baseline and boundary delimitation, in the light of the Law of the Sea convention and the negotiations that led to the convention. An identification of all the national and international maritime zones will be addressed with special emphases on the Exclusive Economic Zone in the Mediterranean.

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