

**Declaration by the Government of Indonesia concerning
the Exclusive Economic Zone of Indonesia
21 March 1980**

Bearing in mind that improving the nation's welfare by exploiting all available natural resources, both living and non-living, is the aim and purpose of the Indonesian Government and Nation.

Being aware that in order to attain the above aim and purpose, the natural resources of the seabed and sub-soil and the superjacent waters have to be protected and managed in an appropriate, purposeful and rational manner.

Noting that state practice indicates that the regime of an exclusive economic zone of 200 nautical miles has been accepted as part of the new international law of the sea.

Recognizing the need for Indonesia to proclaim a Government Declaration concerning the Exclusive Economic Zone of Indonesia.

Declares as follows:

1. The Exclusive Economic Zone of Indonesia is the area beyond the Indonesian Territorial Sea as promulgated by virtue of Law No. 4 of 1960 concerning Indonesian Waters, the breadth of which extends to 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the Indonesian Territorial Sea is measured.

2. In the Exclusive Economic Zone, Indonesia has and exercises:

(a) sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, managing and conserving living and non-living natural resources of the seabed and sub-soil and the superjacent waters and sovereign rights 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.

(iv) other rights based on international law.

3. The sovereign rights of Indonesia as referred to in paragraph 2 of this Government Declaration shall, with respect to the seabed and subsoil, continue to be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the laws and regulations of Indonesia concerning Indonesian Waters and the Indonesian Continental Shelf, international agreements and international law.

4. In the Exclusive Economic Zone of Indonesia, the freedoms of navigation and overflight and of the laying of sub-marine cables and pipelines will continue to be recognized in accordance with the principles of the new

international law of the sea.

5. Where the boundary line of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Indonesia poses a problem of delimitation with an adjacent or opposite State, the Indonesian Government is prepared, at an appropriate time, to enter into negotiations with the State concerned with a view to reach an agreement.

6. The above provisions will further be regulated by a law and regulations.

This Government Declaration will come into force on the date of its announcement.

Jakarta, 21 March 1980.