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THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION
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Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Rough draft of
basic provisions on the question of the outer limit
of the continental shelf

- (1) The outer limit of the continental shelf may be established by the coastal State within the 500-metre isobath.
- (2) In areas where the 500-metre isobath referred to in paragraph (1) hereof is situated at a distance less than 100 nautical miles measured from the baselines from which the territorial sea is measured, the outer limit of the continental shelf may be established by the coastal State by a line every point of which is at a distance from the nearest point of the said baselines not exceeding 100 nautical miles.
- (3) In areas where there is no continental shelf, the coastal State may have the same rights in respect of the sea-bed as in respect of the continental shelf, within the limits provided for in paragraph (2) hereof.