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COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF THE  
SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE  
LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION  
SUB-COMMITTEE II

Greece: draft article under item 19,  
regime of islands

1. An island is a naturally formed area of land, surrounded by water which is above water at high-tide.
2. An island forms an integral part of the territory of the State to which it belongs. The territorial sovereignty over the island extends to its territorial waters, to the air space over the island and its territorial sea and to its continental shelf for the purpose of exploring it and exploiting its natural resources.
3. The territorial sea of the island is determined in accordance with the same provisions applicable for the measurements of the territorial sea of the continental part of the territory of the State.
4. The provisions applicable for the determination of the continental shelf and the zones of national jurisdiction of the continental part of the State are as a general rule applicable to islands.
5. The above provisions do not prejudice the regime of archipelagic islands.