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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

DRAFT ARTICLES

on the nature and characteristics of the  
territorial sea and its breadth  
submitted by the Delegation of Bulgaria

Article ....

1. The sovereignty of a coastal State extends beyond its land territory and its internal waters to a belt of sea adjacent to its coast described as the territorial sea.
2. The sovereignty of a coastal State extends also to the air space over the territorial sea as well as to its bed and the subsoil thereof.
3. The coastal State exercises this sovereignty subject to the provisions of these articles and to other rules of international law.

Article ....

Each State shall have the right to establish the breadth of its territorial sea up to a limit not exceeding twelve nautical miles, measured from baselines drawn in accordance with Articles ... of this Convention and subject to the provisions of Articles ... concerning straits used for international navigation.