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Principles on the Delimitation of Coastal Seabed Area
submitted by Japan

1. The coastal State shall have the right to establish, beyond its territorial sea, a coastal seabed area up to a maximum distance of nautical miles from the applicable baseline for measuring the breadth of the territorial sea. The coastal State exercises sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring the coastal seabed area and exploiting its mineral resources.
2. In cases where the coasts of two or more coastal States are adjacent or opposite to each other, the boundary of the coastal seabed areas appertaining to such States shall be determined by agreement in accordance with the principle of equidistance.
3. Nothing herein shall prejudice the existing agreements between the coastal States concerned relating to the delimitation of their respective coastal seabed areas.

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