Proclamation by the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, dated 30 June 2014

Having considered Law No. 11 dated 9 February 1989 relating to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea by the then People’s Assembly of Somalia;


Having considered Law No. 5 dated 26 January 1989 approving the Somali Maritime Law (the Somali Maritime Law of 1988); and

For the purpose of exercising the sovereign rights of the Federal Republic of Somalia (the “Republic of Somalia”) with regard to the exploration and conservation of the natural resources, whether living or non-living, of the sea, it is hereby deemed appropriate to proclaim the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Somalia as follows:

1. The Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Somalia extends to a distance of two hundred (200) nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial waters of the Somali Republic is measured.

2. In the Exclusive Economic Zone, the Republic of Somalia has:

   (a) Sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing the natural resources, whether living or non-living, of the seabed and subsoil and the superjacent waters, and 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;

   (c) Other rights as may exist under international law.
3. In the Exclusive Economic Zone, the freedoms of navigation and over-flight and of the laying of submarine cables and pipelines shall be governed by international law.

4. In any case where the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Somalia is adjacent or opposite to the Exclusive Economic Zone of another coastal State, the Federal Government of the Somali Republic is prepared to enter into negotiations with the coastal State concerned with a view to delimiting their respective Exclusive Economic Zones.

5. Exploitation of living and non-living resources, including fish, in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Somalia shall require the prior written approval of the relevant Ministry of the Federal Government of Somalia and is subject to the applicable laws of the Republic of Somalia.

Proclaimed on the 30th day of June 2014.

Made this 30th day of June 2014

H.E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud
The President of the Federal Republic of Somalia