

**Decree No. 40 of 1992 defining the Breadth of the Territorial Sea  
and Contiguous Zone of the State of Qatar, 16 April 1992**

We, Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar,

After seeing the amended Provisional Constitution, especially articles 2, 23 and 34;

Customs Law No. 5 of 1988;

Law No. 3 of 1963 regulating the entrance and residence of foreigners in Qatar and its amendments;

The Geneva Convention on the Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone which was adopted by the First United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea on 29 April 1958;

Kuwait's Regional Agreement on Cooperation for the Protection of Marine Environment from Pollution, and the Protocol on Regional Cooperation for Fighting against Pollution of Oil and other Harmful Materials in Emergency Cases, ratified by Decree No. 55 of 1978;

The Agreement Providing for the Setting up and Maintenance of the Submarine Cable between the State of Qatar, the State of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, ratified by Decree No. 27 of 1980;

The International Agreement of 1974 on the Safety of Lives at Sea to which the State of Qatar has acceded by Decree No. 84 of 1980;

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982, which was signed by the State of Qatar on 27 November 1984 pursuant to the Cabinet decision issued on 31 October 1984, at the Cabinet's ordinary meeting No. 32 of 1984;

The Declaration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of 12 Jamad Awal 1394 H. corresponding to 2 June 1974;

The proposals of the Ministers of Defence and of the Interior; and

The draft decree submitted by the Cabinet;

Have decided the following:

**Article 1**

The breadth of the territorial sea of the State of Qatar is twelve nautical miles measured from the baselines determined in accordance with the rules of international law.

**Article 2**

The State of Qatar exercises sovereignty over its territorial sea, the airspace, seabed and subsoil thereof in accordance with international law and the laws and regulations of the State of Qatar in conformity with the right of innocent passage by ships and aircraft of other countries.

**Article 3**

The State of Qatar has a contiguous zone with a breadth of twelve nautical miles measured from the outer limit of the territorial sea, over which the State exercises all rights and powers provided for in international law.

**Article 4**

The Cabinet shall issue the decisions necessary for the implementation of this Decree.

**Article 5**

All concerned authorities shall carry out this Decree in their respective fields. It shall come into force on the date of issue and shall be published in the Official Gazette.