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Enclosed is a copy of a note from the UN Secretariat, dated 8/23/77, transmitting a copy of the above mentioned communication.

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1. Copy of Note
 2. Communication
 3. Texts of Laws (Law No. 30/76 and 32/76 of 6 December 1976) (Unofficial translations)

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..... The enclosed communication dated 29 July 1977 is transmitted to the Permanent Missions of the States Members of the United Nations at the request of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Maldives to the United Nations.

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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
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Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency the unofficial translation of the following laws adopted by the Citizen's Majlis of the Republic of Maldives in November 1976, and came into effect on 5 December 1976:

1. Law No. 30/76 of 5 December 1976: Relating to the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Maldives,
2. Law No. 32/76 of 5 December 1976: Relating to the Navigation and Passage by Foreign Ships and Aircrafts Through the Airspace, Territorial Waters and the Economic Zone of the Republic of Maldives.

I have, upon instructions of my government, the honour to request Your Excellency that the unofficial translations of these two texts be circulated to all Member States of the United Nations, at an early date.

With assurances of my highest consideration,


Pathulla Jameel
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

His Excellency Mr. Kurt Waldheim
Secretary-General of the United Nations,
United Nations, New York.

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Unofficial Translation
14th December, 1976

LAW NO. 32/76 OF 5TH DECEMBER, 1976 RELATING TO THE
NAVIGATION AND PASSAGE BY FOREIGN SHIPS AND AIRCRAFTS
THROUGH THE AIRSPACE, TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THE
ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

No. 32/76
5th December, 1976

1. Ships of All States shall enjoy the right of innocent passage through the territorial waters and other Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Maldives. Passage shall be considered innocent only if such passage is not prejudicial to the peace good order and security of the Republic of Maldives.

However, no foreign warship shall enter the Territorial Sea of the Republic of Maldives, nor a foreign fishing vessel shall enter its Economic Zone without prior consent of the Government of the Republic of Maldives. While navigating in the Territorial Waters of Maldives foreign warships shall fly their national flag. Submarines shall navigate on the surface and show their flag.

2. No foreign Aircraft shall enter or pass through the Air space of the Territory of the Republic of Maldives except in conformity with the international norms and in accordance with the Laws and Regulations in force in the Republic of Maldives. Foreign military aircraft shall not enter or pass through the air space of the territory of the Republic of Maldives without prior consent of the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

Salvage and rescue operations of foreign ships within the Territorial Waters of the Republic of Maldives shall be carried out in accordance with the regulations and practices in effect in the Republic of Maldives.

3. Any foreign ship which runs aground on an island, a reef or a sandbank within the Territory of the Republic of Maldives, if abandoned, without notifying the incident to the Government of the Republic of Maldives, shall be property of the Government.

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2. The Republic of Maldives shall have the sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over its Economic Zone for the purpose of exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources therein, both living and non-living, or for any other economic purpose. Thus the use and exploitation of the products or natural resources found in the said Zone for any economic purpose, or the conduct of scientific researches, or the construction, maintenance or operation of artificial structures and devices for any purpose within the said Zone shall not be executed by non-Maldivians without assent of the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

3. Any person or persons contravening the sovereign rights of the Republic of Maldives over its Economic Zone shall be liable to prosecution and conviction in accordance with Laws and Regulations of the Republic of Maldives.

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
Male', Republic of Maldives

LAW NO. 30/76 OF 5 DECEMBER 1976, RELATING TO
THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MALDIVES.

No. 30/76
5th December, 1976

1. The area, including the sea as well as the sea-bed and sub-soil thereof, situated within the line joining the points of which the co-ordinates are given below, shall constitute the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Maldives.

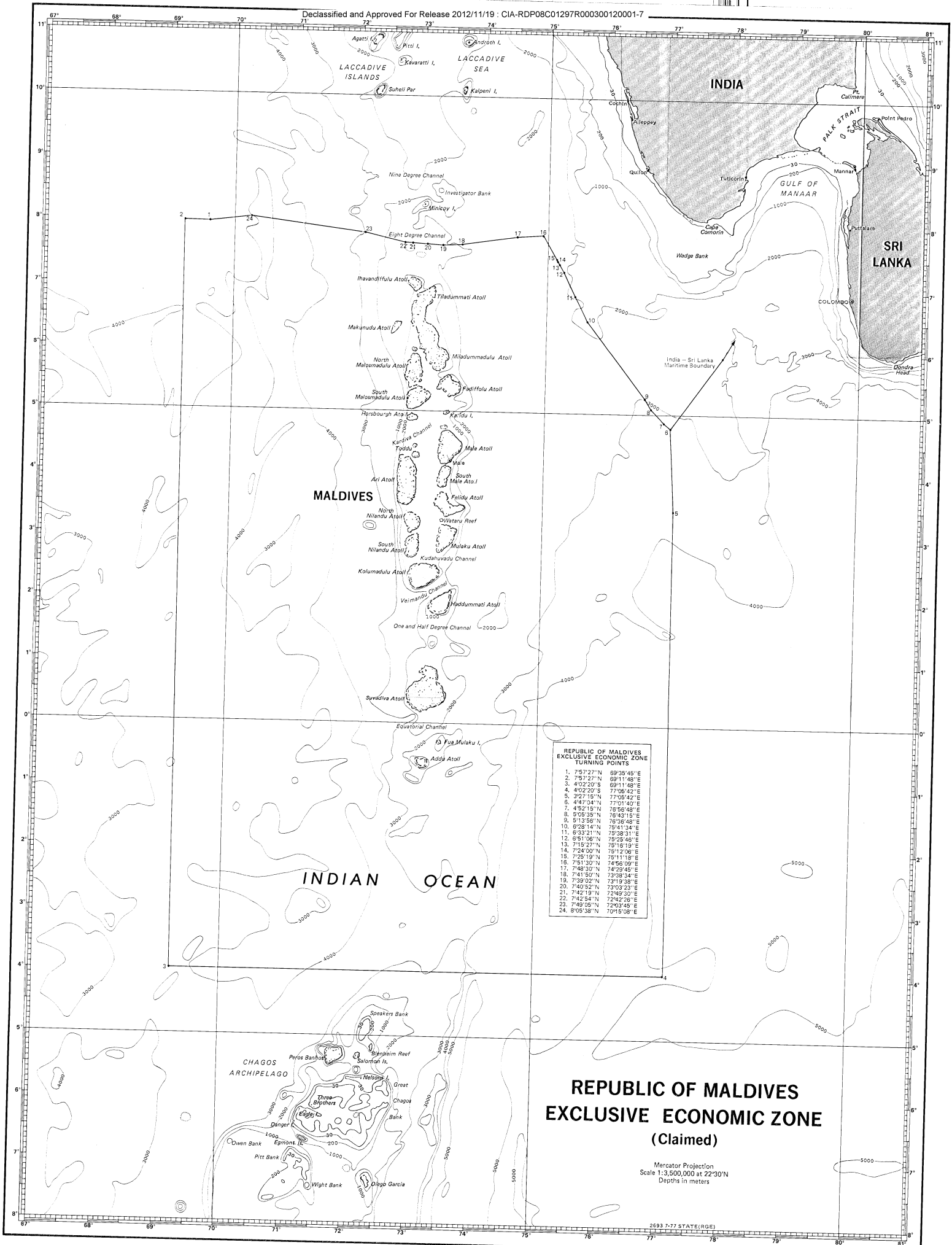
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(7) 4° 52' 15" N	76° 56' 48" E
(8) 5° 05' 35" N	76° 43' 15" E
(9) 5° 13' 56" N	76° 36' 48" E
(10) 6° 28' 14" N	75° 41' 34" E
(11) 6° 33' 21" N	75° 38' 31" E
(12) 6° 51' 06" N	75° 25' 46" E
(13) 7° 15' 27" N	75° 16' 19" E
(14) 7° 24' 00" N	75° 12' 06" E
(15) 7° 25' 19" N	75° 11' 18" E
(16) 7° 51' 30" N	74° 56' 09" E
(17) 7° 48' 30" N	74° 29' 45" E
(18) 7° 41' 50" N	73° 38' 34" E
(19) 7° 39' 02" N	73° 19' 38" E
(20) 7° 40' 52" N	73° 03' 23" E
(21) 7° 42' 19" N	72° 49' 30" E
(22) 7° 42' 54" N	72° 42' 26" E
(23) 7° 49' 05" N	72° 03' 45" E
(24) 8° 05' 38" N	70° 15' 08" E
(25) 7° 57' 27" N	69° 35' 45" E

(4)

2. The Republic of Maldives shall have the sovereign rights and exclusive jurisdiction over its Economic Zone for the purpose of exploitation, conservation and management of the natural resources therein, both living and non-living, or for any other economic purpose. Thus the use and exploitation of the products or natural resources found in the said Zone for any economic purpose, or the conduct of scientific researches, or the construction, maintenance or operation of artificial structures and devices for any purpose within the said Zone shall not be executed by non-Maldivians without assent of the Government of the Republic of Maldives.

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DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
Male', Republic of Maldives



REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE
TURNING POINTS

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7.	4°52'15"N	76°58'48"E
8.	5°05'35"N	76°43'15"E
9.	5°13'55"N	76°36'48"E
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**REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE
(Claimed)**

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:3,500,000 at 22°30'N
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