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ABSTRACT

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (LOSC) provides a delicate balance between the interests of archipelagic States such as Indonesia and the international community with respect to navigation. Indonesia recognises three navigation rights and freedoms within Indonesian waters: innocent passage, transit passage and archipelagic sea lanes passage. In addition, Indonesia and Malaysia have negotiated an additional passage right not mentioned in the LOSC called access and communication passage.

The vagueness and ambiguity of the LOSC provisions on navigational rights and freedoms, as well as the absence of further guidance on their interpretation and implementation, have resulted in conflicting claims between Indonesia on one hand and the international community on the other.

This thesis aims to provide an analysis of the legal issues relating to navigation through and over Indonesian waters. In particular, it aims to examine inconsistencies between Indonesian navigational regimes and those permitted by the LOSC to ascertain if Indonesia has applied the LOSC correctly and, if necessary, to propose reforms to harmonise national legislation with international law. Specifically, the thesis will first, explain the extent, historical development and concept of navigational regimes in the LOSC and international law in general. Second, it will analyse the implementation of the navigational provisions of the LOSC by Indonesia. Finally, it will provide recommendations concerning the harmonisation of the Indonesian domestic legal framework with international law.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AALCC Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee (AALCC)

AD After Death

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations

ASG Archipelagic States Group ASL Archipelagic Sea Lane

BC Before Christ

Bakorkamla Badan Koordinasi Keamanan Laut (Coordinating Body

for Maritime Security)

DAC Directorate General of Air Communication
DSC Directorate General of Sea Communication

DDS Department of Defence and Security
DFA Department of Foreign Affairs

DOALOS Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea DPD Dewan Perwakilan Daerah (Regional Representative

Council)

DPR Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (People's Representative

Assembly)

Dwt deadweight tons

ECDIS Electronic Chart Display and Information System

EEZ Exclusive Economic Zone
ENC Electronic Navigational Chart
FIR Flight Information Region
FON Freedom of Navigation

GBHN Garis-garis Besar Haluan Negara (Broad Guidelines of

State Policy)

GNP Gross National Product

GPASL General Procedure on Archipelagic Sea Lanes Passage

GR Government Regulation

IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency
IASL Indonesian Archipelagic Sea Lanes
ICAO International Civil Aviation Organisation

ICJ International Court of Justice
ICS International Chamber of Shipping
IDC Inter-departmental Committee

IDR Indonesian Rupiah

IHB International Hydrographic Bureau IHO International Hydrographic Organisation

ILC International Law CommissionIMO International Maritime Organisation

IMSCB Indonesia Maritime Security Coordinating Body

(Bakorkamla)

INTERTANKO International Association of Independent Tanker Owners

Km Kilometre

LAT Lowest Astronomical Tide
LNG Liquefied Natural Gas

LOSC United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

MEH Marine Electronic Highway

MLLW Mean Lower Low Water MLWS Mean Low-Water Springs

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MPR Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat (People's Consultative

Assembly)

MSC IMO Maritime Safety Committee

MSL Mean Sea Level

NAV IMO Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation

NM Nautical Miles

OAU Organization of African Unity

OECD Organization for Economic Co-operation and

Development

PANKORWILNAS Panitia Koordinasi Wilayah Nasional (Coordinating

Committee for National Territory)

PCIJ Permanent Court of International Justice

PNG Papua New Guinea

PP Peraturan Pemerintah (Government Regulation)

Sub-NAV Sub Committee on Navigation

TZMKO Territorial Zee een Maritime Kringen Ordonantie

(Territorial Sea Maritime Regulation)

UN United Nations

UNCLOS United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNTAET United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor

US United States

USSR Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

UU Undang Undang (Act)

UUD Undang Undang Dasar (Constitution)

UUDS Undang Undang Dasar Sementara (Provisional

Constitution)

WMD Weapon Mass Destruction

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