Rules applicable in the Contiguous Zone

- Within the contiguous zone, a State has the right to both prevent and punish infringement of **fiscal, immigration, sanitary, and customs laws** within its territory and territorial sea.
- Unlike the territorial sea, the contiguous zone only gives jurisdiction to a State on the **ocean's surface and floor**.
- Contiguous Zone is 24 nautical miles from main coastline.

Recently the UNCLOS’s Permanent Arbitration Council has handed over the jurisdiction of Italian Marines in the Enrica Lexie case of shooting Kerala fishermen in India’s Contiguous Zone to Italy government.