

**HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND THE NORTH PACIFIC MARINE SCIENCE ORGANIZATION (PICES)**

The Government of Canada and the North Pacific Marine Science Organization, wishing to conclude an agreement respecting the establishment in Canada of the headquarters of the Organization, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The North Pacific Marine Science Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Organization) shall have in Canada the legal capacities of a body corporate, including the capacity to contract, to acquire and dispose of property, and to institute legal proceedings.

ARTICLE 2

The Organization, its property and its assets, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy immunity from every form of judicial process except in so far as in any particular case the Executive Secretary of the Organization has expressly waived its immunity. Such waiver shall be understood not to extend to any measure of execution, save with the express consent of the Executive Secretary of the Organization. The Governing Council of the Organization shall establish guidelines as to the circumstances in which the Executive Secretary may waive any immunity of the Organization, and as to the method in which any such waiver shall be made.

ARTICLE 3

The property and assets of the Organization, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial, or legislative action, except with the consent of and under the conditions agreed to by the Executive Secretary of the Organization. This Article shall not prevent the reasonable application of fire protection regulations.