

- (d) "Contracting Party" means
- (i) any State or regional economic integration organization which has consented to be bound by this Convention, and for which the Convention is in force; and
 - (ii) this Convention applies *mutatis mutandis* to any entity referred to in Article 305, paragraph 1 c), d) and e) of the 1982 Convention, which is situated in the North Atlantic, and which becomes a Party to this Convention, and to that extent "Contracting Party" refers to such entities.
- (e) "Convention Area", means the area to which this Convention applies, as described in Article IV paragraph 1;
- (f) "fishery resources" means all fish, molluscs and crustaceans within the Convention Area excluding:
- (i) sedentary species over which coastal States may exercise sovereign rights consistent with Article 77 of the 1982 Convention; and
 - (ii) in so far as they are managed under other international treaties, anadromous and catadromous stocks and highly migratory species listed in Annex I of the 1982 Convention;
- (g) "fishing activities" means harvesting or processing fishery resources, or transshipping of fishery resources or products derived from fishery resources, or any other activity in preparation for, in support of, or related to the harvesting of fishery resources, including:
- (i) the actual or attempted searching for, catching or taking of fishery resources;
 - (ii) any activity that can reasonably be expected to result in locating, catching, taking, or harvesting of fishery resources for any purpose; and
 - (iii) any operation at sea in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in this definition; but does not include any operation related to emergencies involving the health and safety of crew members or the safety of a vessel;
- (h) "fishing vessel" means any vessel that is or has been engaged in fishing activities, and includes fish processing vessels and vessels engaged in transshipment or any other activity in preparation for or related to fishing activities, or in experimental or exploratory fishing activities;