AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ON THEIR MUTUAL FISHERIES RELATIONS

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Polish People's Republic,

Having regard to the concern of both Governments for the rational management, conservation and utilization of the living resources of the sea, and the concern of the Government of Canada for the welfare of its coastal communities and for the living resources of the adjacent waters upon which these communities depend,

Recognizing that the Government of Canada has extended its jurisdiction over the living resources of its adjacent waters pursuant to and in accordance with relevant principles of international law, and exercises within a zone of 200 nautical miles sovereign rights for the purpose or exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing these resources,

Taking into account the very important role played by the Polish deep sea fisheries in the economy of Poland,

Taking into account traditional Polish fishing in Canadian fisheries waters,

Reaffirming their desire to maintain mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of fisheries, and to expand their economic cooperation in this field,

Desirous of establishing the terms and conditions under which their mutual fisheries relations shall be conducted and of promoting the orderly development of the Law of the Sea,

Taking into account the consensus emerging from the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Polish People's Republic undertake to ensure close cooperation between the two countries in matters pertaining to the conservation and optimum utilization of the living resources of the sea. They shall take appropriate measures to facilitate such cooperation and shall continue to consult and cooperate in international negotiations and organizations with a view to achieving common fisheries objectives.