

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA ON MUTUAL FISHERIES RELATIONS

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Cuba,

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 of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing these resources,

Recognizing the need to ensure that fishing operations in areas of the high seas beyond and immediately adjacent to the area under Canadian jurisdiction on the Atlantic coast are managed on a scientific basis with due regard to conservation of fish stocks and the needs of Canadian coastal communities,

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

Taking into account state practice and the work of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

Taking into account that Cuba is a developing country which has engaged in fisheries off the coast of Canada within a framework of international cooperation,

Reaffirming their desire to maintain mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of fisheries, and in this way to contribute to relations between their countries and peoples,

Have agreed as follows: