

2. Each Party shall enter into consultations at the request of the other Party on any works or undertakings referred to in paragraph 1 and shall pursue such consultations over a reasonable period of time. Such consultations, held in the best spirit of cooperation and good neighbourliness, shall not be used by a Party to delay unreasonably or to impede the works or undertakings on which consultations are taking place.

ARTICLE V

Installations

The Parties shall take measures to ensure that installations engaged in exploration for or exploitation of the natural resources of the seabed and subsoil in their respective areas of responsibility are designed, constructed, placed, equipped, marked, operated and maintained in such a manner that the risk of pollution of the marine environment is minimized.

ARTICLE VI

Exchange of Scientific and Other Information

1. The Parties shall cooperate for the purpose of promoting studies, undertaking programmes of scientific research and encouraging the exchange of information and data acquired relating to pollution of the marine environment, subject to their respective laws or any understanding with respect to confidentiality. In particular the Parties shall cooperate as appropriate in:

- (a) complementary or joint scientific research programmes for observation of the quality of the marine environment;
- (b) the development of compatible marine pollution measurement methods;
- (c) the development of methods to assess the risk and extent of damage related to any introduction of harmful substances into the marine environment.

2. At the request of a Party, and when appropriate, the other Party shall provide information on existing or proposed legislative, regulatory or other governmental control measures that may affect the marine environment in the former's area of responsibility.

3. The Parties shall at the request of either Party, or at reasonable intervals agreeable to both Parties, hold consultations on any subject covered by this Article.

ARTICLE VII

Vessel Traffic

1. The Parties shall cooperate and assist each other in their respective vessel traffic management or ship reporting services in relation to ships navigating in the area covered by this Agreement.