

**PROTOCOL TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE NORTHWEST  
ATLANTIC FISHERIES RELATING TO PANEL MEMBERSHIP AND TO  
REGULATORY MEASURES**

The Governments parties to the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries signed at Washington under date of 8 February 1949,<sup>(1)</sup> which Convention as amended is hereinafter referred to as the Convention, desiring to establish a more appropriate basis for the determination of representation on the Panels established under the Convention, and desiring to provide for greater flexibility in the types of fisheries regulatory measures which may be proposed by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries, agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

Paragraph 2 of Article IV of the Convention shall be amended to read as follows:

“2. Panel representation shall be reviewed annually by the Commission, which shall have the power, subject to consultation with the Panel concerned, to determine representation on each Panel on the basis of current substantial exploitation of the stocks of fish in the subarea concerned or on the basis of current substantial exploitation of harp and hood seals in the Convention Area, except that each Contracting Government with coastline adjacent to a subarea shall have the right of representation on the Panel for the subarea.”

**ARTICLE II**

Paragraph 2 of Article VII of the Convention shall be amended to read as follows:

“2. Each Panel, upon the basis of scientific investigations, and economic and technical considerations, may make recommendations to the Commission for joint action by the Contracting Governments within the scope of paragraph 1 of Article VIII.”

**ARTICLE III**

Paragraph 1 of Article VIII of the Convention shall be amended to read as follows:

“1. The Commission may, on the recommendations of one or more Panels, and on the basis of scientific investigations, and economic and technical considerations, transmit to the Depositary Government appropriate proposals, for joint action by the Contracting Governments, designed to achieve the optimum utilization of the stocks of those species of fish which support international fisheries in the Convention Area.”

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series 1950 No. 10.