

consultative process described in paragraph 5 above shall be utilized. In the event that a matter is not thereby resolved within 14 days of referral to the Special Negotiators or designated alternates, either Party may take reciprocal action with regard to the activities of the fishing vessels of the other Party to an extent sufficient to re-establish the balance of fisheries interests between the two Parties.

7. The two Parties note the importance of exchanging catch and effort statistics on a regular and timely basis and monitoring the fishing activities of the vessels of one country fishing in the zone of the other. The Parties also note the need for vessels to be more conspicuously marked so as to provide for more effective enforcement surveillance. It is agreed that the two Parties will consult, in accordance with Paragraph 5 of this Annex, on these matters in order to establish more effective procedures. In particular, each Party recognizes the interest in establishing reciprocal procedures for reporting by vessels of the other country of entry and departure into its zone and of catches taken in its zone, and agrees to consult in this regard.

8. Noting Article IX of the 1977 Reciprocal Agreement, the two Parties agree that in order to ensure the full and effective enforcement of this Agreement in the boundary region on the Atlantic coast, the enforcement authorities of each will closely coordinate their inspection and enforcement activities, including appropriate steps to facilitate the exchange of observers on the vessels of each Party.

I have the honor to inform you that the proposals contained in your note are acceptable to the Government of the United States of America and to confirm that your note and the annex thereto, which are authentic in English and French, together with this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments. As you proposed, this Agreement shall enter into force when each of our Governments has notified the other of the completion of its internal procedures in accordance with its domestic laws, on the date of the later of the two notifications. It is further understood that, unless the two

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