

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC ON THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A MEDIATION PROCEDURE IN RESPECT OF FISHERIES**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the French Republic (hereinafter called "the Parties"):

WISHING to find without delay a solution to their dispute over fish quotas for French vessels in Canadian waters, having regard to the France-Canada Treaty of March 27, 1972;

NOTING that fish quotas should in particular be established for the period required for third-party settlement of the dispute over the maritime claims of the two states;

HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

ARTICLE 1

The two Parties shall appoint jointly, before May 7, 1988, a Mediator whose nationality shall be neither French nor Canadian.

Should the two Parties be unable to appoint a Mediator before the aforesaid date, they shall approach the Secretary-General of the United Nations and call upon his good offices to appoint a personality mutually acceptable to them.

ARTICLE 2

The mission of the Mediator shall be to help the Parties find a solution to the problem of setting annual fish quotas for French vessels for the period 1988-91 inclusive. The Mediator is allowed to take into consideration fishing activities in sub-area 3Ps without prejudice to the legal positions of the Parties, as set out in Article 4. In the exercise of his functions, the Mediator shall facilitate the adoption by the Parties of a mutually acceptable solution in accordance with the applicable rules of international law. To this effect, he shall present his own proposals to the Parties; he shall carry out his mediation in accordance with international law practice, and in conformity with it he shall not submit a report at the end of his mandate.