

TEXT OF USA NOTE OF REPLY TO CANADIAN NOTE
CONSTITUTING RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT

Department of State

Washington

April 11, 1978

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to your note of April 10 in which you noted that while negotiations are continuing toward a long-term agreement on maritime boundaries and related marine resources, agreed interim measures must be established.

You have proposed that each party continue on a reciprocal basis to observe the terms and conditions of the 1977 Reciprocal Fisheries Agreement between our two Governments signed on February 24, 1977, as amended by the understandings set forth in the annex to your note, with a view to maintaining existing fishing patterns.

I have the honour 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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Brussels.