

DESIRING to promote the long term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources of the Northwest Atlantic;

CONSCIOUS of the need for international cooperation and consultation with respect to those fishery resources;

MINDFUL that effective conservation and management of these fishery resources should be based on the best available scientific advice and the precautionary approach;

COMMITTED to apply an ecosystem approach to fisheries management in the Northwest Atlantic that includes safeguarding the marine environment, conserving its marine biodiversity, minimizing the risk of long term or irreversible adverse effects of fishing activities, and taking account of the relationship between all components of the ecosystem;

FURTHER COMMITTED to conduct responsible fishing activities and to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing;

HAVE AGREED as follows:"

ARTICLE 3

Articles I – XXI shall be deleted and replaced by the following new Articles:

"ARTICLE I

Use of Terms

1. For the purpose of this Convention:
 - (a) "1982 Convention" means the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982;
 - (b) "1995 Agreement" means the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks of 4 August 1995;
 - (c) "coastal State" means a Contracting Party having an exclusive economic zone within the Convention Area;