

AGREEMENT REGARDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ICE PATROL

The Governments of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the French Republic, Greece, the Italian Republic, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America,

Considering that, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter V, Regulations 5 and 6, of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, signed at London on June 10, 1948,* the Government of the United States of America has agreed to continue the management of the North Atlantic Ice Patrol (hereinafter referred to as the "Ice Patrol") and the study and observation of ice conditions, including the dissemination of information received therefrom,

Desiring, in accordance with those Regulations, to determine the scale of their contributions to the support of the Ice Patrol,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

Basis of Contributions

Each party to the present Agreement shall contribute annually to the support of the Ice Patrol a sum determined by the ratio which the total gross tonnage of that party's vessels passing during the ice season through the regions of icebergs guarded by the Ice Patrol bears to the combined total gross tonnage of the vessels of all parties to the present Agreement passing during the ice season through the regions of icebergs guarded by the Ice Patrol.

The ratio referred to in this Article shall be computed annually. For administrative convenience, contributions shall be expressed in terms of unit shares.

ARTICLE II

Vessels to which Agreement Applies

The vessels to which the present Agreement applies are vessels registered in countries the Government of which are parties to this Agreement, and vessels registered in territories to which those Governments have extended the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII thereof.

ARTICLE III

Routes Falling within Iceberg Regions

The routes passing through the regions of icebergs guarded by the Ice Patrol are as follows:

- (a) Routes between Atlantic Coast ports of Canada (including inland ports approached from the North Atlantic through the Gut of Canso and Cabot Straits) and ports of Europe, Asia, or Africa approached

*Canada Treaty Series 1952, No. 20.