

ARTICLE 17

1. This Convention shall be open for signature at Reykjavik from 2 March to 31 August 1982 by Canada, Denmark in respect of the Faroe Islands, the European Economic Community, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the United States of America.

2. This Convention shall be subject to ratification or approval.

3. This Convention shall be open for accession by the parties referred to in paragraph 1 and, subject to the approval of the Council, by any other State that exercises fisheries jurisdiction in the North Atlantic Ocean or is a State of origin for salmon stocks subject to this Convention.

4. Instruments of ratification, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Depository.

5. This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the deposit of instruments of ratification, approval or accession by four Parties, provided that among the four Parties are two members of each Commission and that at least one of the two members of each Commission exercises fisheries jurisdiction in the Commission area.

6. For each Party ratifying, approving or acceding to this Convention after the deposit of the requisite instruments of ratification, approval or accession under paragraph 5, it shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the Convention or on the date of deposit of the instrument of ratification, approval or accession, whichever is the later.

7. The Depository shall inform the signatories and acceding Parties of the deposit of all instruments of ratification, approval and accession and shall notify the signatories and acceding parties of the date and the Parties in respect of which the Convention enters into force.

8. The Depository shall call the first meeting of the Council and the Commissions as soon as practicable after the entry into force of this Convention.

ARTICLE 18

This Convention shall apply, insofar as the European Economic Community is concerned, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty.

ARTICLE 19

1. Any Party may propose amendments to this Convention to be considered by the Council. A proposed amendment shall be sent to the Secretary not later than 90 days before the meeting at which it is proposed to be considered. The Secretary shall immediately transmit the proposed amendment to the Parties.