

ARTICLE 2

Implementation

(1) The Contracting Parties agree that the species of seals enumerated in Article 1 shall not be killed or captured within the Convention area by their nationals or vessels under their respective flags except in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

(2) Each Contracting Party shall adopt for its nationals and for vessels under its flag such laws, regulations and other measures, including a permit system as appropriate, as may be necessary to implement this Convention.

ARTICLE 3

Annexed Measures

(1) This Convention includes an Annex specifying measures which the Contracting Parties hereby adopt. Contracting Parties may from time to time in the future adopt other measures with respect to the conservation, scientific study and rational and humane use of seal resources, prescribing *inter alia* :

- (a) permissible catch;
- (b) protected and unprotected species;
- (c) open and closed seasons;
- (d) open and closed areas, including the designation of reserves;
- (e) the designation of special areas where there shall be no disturbance of seals;
- (f) limits relating to sex, size, or age for each species;
- (g) restrictions relating to time of day and duration, limitations of effort and methods of sealing;
- (h) types and specifications of gear and apparatus and appliances which may be used;
- (i) catch returns and other statistical and biological records;
- (j) procedures for facilitating the review and assessment of scientific information;
- (k) other regulatory measures including an effective system of inspection.

(2) The measures adopted under paragraph (1) of this Article shall be based upon the best scientific and technical evidence available.

(3) The Annex may from time to time be amended in accordance with the procedures provided for in Article 9.

ARTICLE 4

Special Permits

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Convention, any Contracting Party may issue permits to kill or capture seals in limited quantities and in