

PART IX
FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE XXVII

Signature

1. This Convention shall be open for signature at Washington from November 14, 2003, until December 31, 2004, by:

- (a) the Parties to the 1949 Convention;
- (b) States not Party to the 1949 Convention with a coastline bordering the Convention Area; and
- (c) States and regional economic integration organizations which are not Parties to the 1949 Convention and whose vessels have fished for fish stocks covered by this Convention at any time during the four years preceding the adoption of this Convention and that participated in the negotiation of this Convention; and
- (d) other States which are not Parties to the 1949 Convention and whose vessels have fished for fish stocks covered by this Convention at any time during the four years preceding the adoption of this Convention, following consultations with the Parties to the 1949 Convention.

2. In relation to the regional economic integration organizations referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, no member State of such organizations may sign this Convention unless it represents a territory which lies outside the territorial scope of the treaty establishing the organization and provided that such member State's participation be limited to representing only the interests of that territory.