AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK FOR COOPERATION RELATING TO THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark,

CONSCIOUS of the economic and social importance of the marine environment of the waters lying between Canada and Greenland and of its living resources,

CONSCIOUS of their responsibility to protect and enhance this unique marine environment for the benefit of their peoples,

TAKING into account the developments at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, in particular the text on "Ice-covered Areas",

CONSCIOUS of the risk of pollution incidents resulting from the expansion of economic activities in the said waters,

CONVINCED of the need to cooperate closely in preventing and responding to pollution incidents which may result from such activities,

DESIRING to develop further bilateral cooperation in respect of the protection of the marine environment, particularly with respect to preparedness measures as a contingency against pollution incidents that may affect the marine environment of these waters,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement:

(a) "Areas of responsibility", unless otherwise provided by any Annex to this Agreement for the purpose of that Annex, means with respect to Canada, those areas of Nares Strait, Baffin Bay and Davis Strait lying between Canada and Greenland west of the dividing line established by the Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of Canada relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between Greenland and Canada, signed at Ottawa on December 17, 1973; with respect to Denmark, those areas of Nares Strait, Baffin Bay and Davis Strait east of the above mentioned dividing line; and areas resulting from any subsequent delimitation as may be agreed between the two Governments.