


CANADA



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF NORWAY ON SEALING AND THE CONSERVATION OF THE SEAL STOCKS
IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC**

The Government of Canada and the Government of Norway:

Desirous of continuing and further developing the close co-operation in solving common problems concerning sealing and the conservation of the seal stocks in the Northwest Atlantic;

Desirous of developing and maintaining the most effective conservation measures in order to secure the best possible protection of the seal stocks in this area and a rational utilization of these resources;

Desirous of extending and co-ordinating their scientific research concerning the seal stocks in this area;

Desirous of ensuring that humane catching methods are used in sealing; and,

Desirous of taking effective steps jointly and separately in attaining these aims;

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The area to which this agreement applies shall, subject to Article XII, include all waters of the Northwest Atlantic North of 45° North latitude and West of 45° West longitude.

ARTICLE II

This agreement applies to harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*).

On a proposal by the commission established under Article III the application of this agreement may be extended to hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*), bearded seal (*Erignatus barbatus*) and walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*).

ARTICLE III

The contracting parties shall establish a commission consisting of three representatives appointed by each country.

The commission shall hold at least one regular annual meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon. The Chairman of the meeting shall be provided alternatively by Canada and Norway.

The representatives of the contracting parties attending meetings of the commission may be assisted by experts or advisers.

Each contracting party shall have one vote in the commission. Decisions shall be taken by unanimous vote.