

CANADA

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON THEIR MUTUAL
FISHERIES RELATIONS**

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,

Having regard to the concern of both Governments for the rational management, conservation and utilization of the living resources of the sea, and the concern of the Government of Canada for the welfare of its coastal communities and for the living resources of the adjacent waters upon which these communities depend,

Recognizing that the Government of Canada proposes to extend its jurisdiction over the living resources of its adjacent waters pursuant to and in accordance with relevant principles of international law, and to exercise within a zone of 200 nautical miles sovereign rights for the purposes of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing these resources,

Taking into account traditional Soviet fishing,

Reaffirming their desire to maintain mutually beneficial co-operation in the field of fisheries,

Desirous of establishing the terms and conditions under which their mutual fishery relations shall be conducted and of promoting the orderly development of the Law of the Sea,

Taking into account international developments and in particular the work of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

Taking into consideration their Agreement of January 22, 1971⁽¹⁾ on co-operation in fisheries in the northeastern Pacific Ocean off the coast of Canada, as amended and extended;⁽²⁾ their Agreement of January 22, 1971⁽³⁾ on provisional rules of navigation and fisheries safety in the northeastern Pacific Ocean off the coast of Canada, as extended;⁽⁴⁾ and their Agreement of December 22, 1975⁽⁵⁾ providing for the establishment of a Joint Fisheries Consultative Commission;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Government of Canada and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics undertake to ensure close co-operation between the two countries in matters pertaining to the conservation and utilization of the living resources of the sea. They shall take appropriate measures to facilitate such

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1971 No. 9.

⁽²⁾ See Treaty Series 1973 No. 12, 1975 No. 21 and 1976 No. 2.

⁽³⁾ Treaty Series 1971 No. 8.

⁽⁴⁾ See Treaty Series 1975 No. 22 and 1976 No. 2.

⁽⁵⁾ Treaty Series 1975 No. 23.