

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS  
ON 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 optimum utilization of the marine living resources, 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 has extended its jurisdiction over the living resources of its adjacent waters pursuant to and in accordance with relevant principles of international law, and exercises within a zone of 200 nautical miles sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing these resources,

TAKING special account of the importance of scientific research in the conservation, management and utilization of marine living resources and their desire to coordinate their activities in this field,

TAKING into account traditional Soviet fishing as well as the contribution to scientific research and identification of stocks in the Canadian Atlantic fishing zone and in the adjacent waters of the Northwest Atlantic Ocean,

NOTING the positive nature of cooperation between the two Governments under the Agreements of December 22, 1975 and May 19, 1976 on mutual fisheries relations,

REAFFIRMING their desire to maintain mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of fisheries, and in particular to expand their economic cooperation in this field,

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 the Convention on the Law of the Sea developed by the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea,

HAVE AGREED as follows: