

4. STATISTICS:

It is important, for purposes of the Convention, that improved statistics of the commercial fisheries in the Convention area should be collected and the Commission should have responsibility for the compilation and distribution of the fishery statistics furnished by the Contracting Governments in such form and at such times as the Commission may require.

IV

The International Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Conference REQUESTS:

That as soon as possible after entry into force of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries the Depositary Government initiate steps for the holding of the first meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries at some place in North America, without prejudice, however, to the determination of the ultimate location of the seat of the Commission.

V

The International Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Conference RECEIVED:

The following joint statement from the French and Spanish Delegations:

"In the course of the Conference the French and Spanish Delegations have requested that the definition of coastal limits in the Convention area be put in said Convention.

"The Conference did not meet their request, considering that any discussion on this subject would lead to a definition of territorial waters and this matter was formally declared by the Conference out of its competence.

"The French and Spanish Delegations had to yield to the above decision.

"Consequently they cannot agree to paragraph 2 of Article I which, in their innermost belief, is a meddling of the Conference in the aforesaid matter."

VI

The International Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Conference RECORDS:

That, the Italian Delegation, not having received from its Government specific instructions on the text of paragraph 2 of Article I, as embodied in the Second Interim Draft of the Convention, abstained from voting on acceptance of that paragraph.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the following representatives have signed this Final Act.