

EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS CON-
CERNING FISHERIES MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to the negotiations which have taken place in Ottawa and Montreal between representatives of Canada and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on fisheries matters of mutual concern. Pursuant to the Agreed Record of Understanding of August 27, 1975, and subsequent technical discussions, the following is proposed:

1. The Government of Canada and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will establish a Joint Fisheries Consultative Commission, hereinafter referred to as "The Commission", to carry out the following functions:
 - (a) to review problems referred to it by the two Governments regarding the implementation of agreed measures, and to make recommendations for the resolution of such problems;
 - (b) to facilitate the co-ordination of statistical and scientific information;
 - (c) to improve bilateral co-operation under the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF);
 - (d) to provide a regular exchange of information with regard to areas of concentration of fishing operations of both countries and promote other co-operative measures for the purpose of preventing damage to fishing gear and facilitating the settlement of any claims arising from such damage;
 - (e) other functions that may be assigned to it by the two Governments.
2. The Commission shall consist of four members: two appointed by the Government of Canada and two appointed by the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Each Government shall inform the other Government of the names of the persons it appoints to the Commission. Each Government may send experts and advisers to assist the members of the Commission whom it has appointed.
3. All recommendations of the Commission shall require unanimity, with each side casting one vote. Such recommendations shall be