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**DENMARK  
and  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement on the limitation of the  
catch of salmon. Washington, 6 July 1972**

*Authentic text : English.*

*Registered by Denmark on 28 September 1972.*

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**DANEMARK  
et  
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à la limitation des  
prises de saumon. Washington, 6 juillet 1972**

*Texte authentique : anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Danemark le 28 septembre 1972.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA ON THE LIMITATION OF THE CATCH OF  
SALMON

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I

July 6, 1972

Sir,

I have the honor to refer to the proposal adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Washington, D.C. on June 2nd regarding Conservation of Atlantic Salmon. The proposal which incorporated the substance of the understanding reached at the U.S.—Danish talks on February 5, 1972, implies *inter alia* that the catch of Atlantic salmon will be regulated in 1972 (and subsequent years). In spite of the efforts of the member states to have the proposal put into effect at an earlier date than provided under article VIII of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries,<sup>2</sup> it seems unlikely that the proposal will come into effect in the immediate future.

I have, therefore, been instructed to propose that, pending the coming into effect of the said proposal adopted by ICNAF, our two Governments agree as follows :

A. Denmark will phase out by December 31, 1975 all of their fisheries for Atlantic salmon off Greenland, except those carried out by local fishermen of Greenland. Such a phase out will be accomplished by appropriate measures at the discretion of the Danish Government and designed to limit the round weight of their non-Greenland salmon catch in the Northwest Atlantic in the calendar years of 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975 to an approximate level of 800, 600, 550 and 500 metric tons respectively.

Failure to achieve these catch objectives in any of the four years will be followed by an adjustment in the following year's catch.

B. The annual salmon catch by local Greenland fishermen will be at the approximate level of the average of the annual catches measured from 1964 through 1971, which is estimated to be 1100 metric tons.

C. The United States will endeavour to ensure the application of appropriate

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 6 July 1972, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 157, p. 157.

conservation measures applicable to the 12 mile zone of the United States which would correspond in effect to the measures taken by Denmark (i.e. using the catch levels of 1969 as a base).

If the proposal as set forth above is agreeable to the Government of the United States of America, the Government of Denmark will be pleased to consider this note and your reply concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your affirmative reply.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

HANS J. CHRISTENSEN  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

The Honorable U. Alexis Johnson  
The Acting Secretary of State  
of the United States of America  
Washington

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1972

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note dated July 6, 1972, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

I have further the honor to confirm the above understandings on behalf of the Government of the United States of America and to agree that your note and this reply shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Acting Secretary of State :

BURDICK H. BRITIN

The Honorable Hans J. Christensen  
Chargé d'affaires ad interim of Denmark