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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
POLAND**

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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC REGARDING FISHERIES IN THE NORTHEASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES

The Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Polish People's Republic,

Desiring to establish a rational regime for the conservation and management of the fish stocks off the Pacific coast of the United States;

Recognizing the need to restore those stocks and to maintain them at maximum sustainable yield;

Desiring to promote the objective of optimum utilization of those stocks in accordance with the results of scientific research;

Taking into account anticipated legal and jurisdictional changes in the regime of fisheries management based upon the consensus emerging from the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, and the need to implement such changes according to certain principles having due regard for the interests of the affected coastal and distant-water fishing nations;

Aware that, since 1973, Polish vessels and nationals have habitually fished in particular areas of the Northeastern Pacific Ocean off the coast of the United States,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. The basic purposes of this Agreement are to:

- (a) ensure effective conservation and rational management of the fisheries of common concern off the coast of the United States in the Northeastern Pacific Ocean;
- (b) establish a common understanding of the principles which will form the basis for future cooperation between the two Governments regarding those fisheries; and
- (c) provide solutions to current problems in those fisheries.

Article 2. 1. It is agreed that the following principles will be applied in order to adjust future fishing by nationals and vessels of Poland off the Pacific coast of the United States without prejudice to special principles applicable to certain species, including anadromous species and highly migratory species:

- (a) the establishment of a rational conservation regime based on the best available scientific evidence;
- (b) the determination of allowable catch and other conservation measures by the United States, after consultations with the affected States, including Poland in appropriate cases, on the basis of maximum sustainable yield as qualified by relevant environmental and economic factors;

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1976, in accordance with article 13 (1).