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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
NORWAY**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to
jurisdiction over vessels in United States deepwater
ports. Washington, 11 July 1978**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
NORVÈGE**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif aux juridic-
tions compétentes à l'égard des navires se trouvant dans
des ports en eau profonde des États-Unis d'Amérique.
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND
NORWAY RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER VESSELS IN
UNITED STATES DEEPWATER PORTS

I

July 11, 1978

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our two Governments in connection with the establishment of deepwater ports off the coast of the United States and the jurisdictional requirements of the United States Deepwater Port Act of 1974 and to confirm that the two governments are in agreement that vessels registered in or flying the flag of Norway and the personnel on board such vessels utilizing the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP, Inc.), a deepwater port facility established under the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 for the purposes stated therein, shall, whenever they may be present within the safety zone of such deepwater port, be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and Norway, on the same basis as when in coastal ports of the United States.

It is the understanding of the Government of the United States and of the Government of Norway that this agreement shall not apply to vessels registered in or flying the flag of Norway merely passing through the safety zone of the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port without calling at or otherwise utilizing the port.

If the foregoing is acceptable to your Government, I have the honor to propose that this Note, together with your reply thereto, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force upon the receipt of your reply to that effect, and to remain in force until terminated by six months' written notice by either party to the other.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

JAMES R. ATWOOD

His Excellency Soren Christian Sommerfelt
Ambassador of Norway

¹ Came into force on 11 July 1978, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

II

The Norwegian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Note of today's date, the terms of which are as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to state that the Norwegian Government agrees to this arrangement and will regard your Note and this reply as constituting an agreement between our respective Governments on these matters.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., July 11, 1978

[Signed]

S. CHR. SOMMERFELT

His Excellency Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
