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Arrangement
relating to Fisheries in Waters
surrounding the Faroe Islands

Copenhagen, 18 December 1973

[The Arrangement entered into force on 1 January 1974]

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**ARRANGEMENT
RELATING TO FISHERIES IN WATERS SURROUNDING THE
FAROE ISLANDS**

The Parties to this Arrangement,

Realizing that the scientific evidence available calls for immediate measures for the purpose of conservation of fish stocks in the Faroe Area (ICES Statistical Division V_b);

Considering the exceptional dependence of the Faroese economy on fisheries, and

Recognizing that the Faroe Islands should enjoy preference in waters surrounding the Faroe Islands;

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE 1

The fishing for the demersal species cod and haddock in the ICES Statistical Division V_b shall be limited annually as prescribed in the catch limitation scheme annexed hereto (Annex I), which shall be an integral part of the present Arrangement.

ARTICLE 2

1. Contracting Parties directing their fisheries in the area solely towards demersal species other than those covered by Article 1 shall not conduct their demersal fisheries in a way significantly different from those of the years 1968 to 1972.

Their annual catches from trawl fisheries shall not exceed by more than 10 per cent the highest figure they have respectively achieved in those years as recorded by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

2. The annual catches of Parties to whom paragraph 1 applies and whose fleets fish solely by line and gill-nets in the area, shall not exceed by more than 25 per cent the highest figure achieved over the years 1968 to 1972 as recorded by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea.

3. Contracting Parties which have not habitually exercised fishing in the area shall limit their annual catches of demersal species mentioned in paragraph 1 to a maximum of 2,000 tons each.

ARTICLE 3

1. The sub-areas identified on the chart and accompanying description annexed hereto (Annexes II and III) shall be closed for trawl fishing by vessels of all the Contracting Parties annually during the following months:

sub-area 1	...	...	...	...	February 15 to May 15
sub-area 2	...	...	...	...	June 1 to November 30
sub-area 3	...	...	...	...	April 1 to June 30 and October 1 to December 31
sub-area 4	...	...	...	...	December 1 to March 31 and May 1 to May 31
sub-area 5	...	...	...	...	March 1 to March 31

2. The maximum allowable size in terms of Gross Register Tons of trawlers fishing within the sub-areas mentioned in paragraph 1 shall not exceed the size habitually used before the end of the year 1973.

ARTICLE 4

Notwithstanding the provisions in Article 3 small Faroese vessels may continue trawl fishing in the sub-areas mentioned in Article 3.1 for the following annual quantities of demersal stocks:

In sub-area 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,250 tons
In sub-area 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,250 tons
In sub-area 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	500 tons

These quotas form part of the total Faroese quota according to the catch limitation scheme annexed hereto.

ARTICLE 5

Nothing in the present Arrangement shall be deemed to prejudice the views of any Contracting Party as to the delimitation and limits in international law of territorial waters, adjacent zones or of jurisdiction in fishery matters.

ARTICLE 6

1. The present Arrangement shall enter into force on January 1, 1974.
2. Any Contracting Party may request a review of the Arrangement.
3. Any Contracting Party may withdraw from the Arrangement by means of a notice in writing addressed to the depository Government who will notify the other Contracting Parties. Any such denunciation shall take effect six months after the date on which such notice is given.

4. This Arrangement shall be deposited with the Government of Denmark by which certified copies shall be transmitted to the Governments of all Contracting Parties.

5. In witness whereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed the present Arrangement.

DONE at Copenhagen on the 18th December, 1973.

SIGNATURES

Belgium (subject to Parliamentary approval)

Denmark

France

Germany, Federal Republic of

Norway

Poland

United Kingdom

**Catch Limitation Scheme
for Cod and Haddock in ICES Statistical Division V_b
(Metric Tons round fresh weight)**

	Faroes	UK	Others	Total
Cod } Haddock } ...	32,000	18,000	2,000 ⁽¹⁾	52,000 ⁽²⁾

(1) The Contracting Parties not mentioned by name in the scheme will use their best endeavours to ensure that their catches including by-catches do not exceed this amount.

(2) The Contracting Parties will use their best endeavours to ensure that the catches constituting the total quota do not exceed 30,000 tons for cod and 22,000 tons for haddock.

Identification of sub-areas 1 to 5

- Sub-area 1: 8 nautical miles from the limit of the fishing zone between a line 0° true from Eidiskøll and a line 90° true from Bispur.
- Sub-area 2: 18 nautical miles from the limit of the fishing zone between a line 90° true from Bispur and a line 90° true from Akrabergi.
- Sub-area 3: (a) 12 nautical miles from the limit of the fishing zone between a line 150° true from Akrabergi and a line 190° true from Akrabergi, and
(b) 6 nautical miles from the limit of the fishing zone between a line 190° true from Akrabergi and a line 240° true from Ørnanípuni.
- Sub-area 4: 12 nautical miles from the limit of the fishing zone between a line 240° true from Trøllhøvda and a line 320° true from Bardi.
- Sub-area 5: Faroe Bank (ICES Sub-Division V_{b2}) within the 200 m. isobath.

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