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No. 9344. CONVENTION ¹ ~~BETWEEN BELGIUM, DENMARK, FINLAND, FRANCE AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY~~ FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA. DONE AT COPENHAGEN, ON 12 SEPTEMBER 1964

Preamble

The Governments of the States Parties to this Convention

Having participated in the work of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, which was established at Copenhagen in 1902 as a result of conferences held in Stockholm in 1899 and in Christiania in 1901 and entrusted with the task of carrying out a programme of international investigation of the sea

Desiring to provide a new constitution for the aforesaid Council with a view to facilitating the implementation of its programme

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

It shall be the duty of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, hereinafter referred to as the " Council ",

(a) to promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea particularly those related to the living resources thereof ;

(b) to draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organise, in agreement with the Contracting Parties, such research and investigation as may appear necessary ;

¹ Came into force on 22 July 1968 in respect of all the States listed below, following the deposit of the instruments of ratification or approval by all signatory Governments, in accordance with article 16 (3) and (4) :

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of instrument of ratification or accession (a)</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of instrument of ratification or accession (a)</i>
Belgium	20 July 1967	Netherlands	13 February 1967
Canada (a)	22 July 1968	Norway	26 May 1965
Denmark	20 April 1965	Poland	25 November 1966
Finland	10 June 1965	Portugal	18 February 1966
France	19 January 1965	Spain	9 September 1965
Federal Republic of Germany (including Land Berlin)	13 May 1965	Sweden	30 November 1964
Iceland	4 December 1964	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	28 October 1965
Ireland	10 June 1965	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4 May 1965
Italy	28 December 1967		

(c) to publish or otherwise disseminate the results of research and investigations carried out under its auspices or to encourage the publication thereof.

Article 2

The Council shall be concerned with the Atlantic Ocean and its adjacent seas and primarily concerned with the North Atlantic.

Article 3

(1) The Council shall be maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Convention.

(2) The seat of the Council shall remain at Copenhagen.

Article 4

The Council shall seek to establish and maintain working arrangements with other international organisations which have related objectives and cooperate, as far as possible, with them, in particular in the supply of scientific information requested.

Article 5

The Contracting Parties undertake to furnish to the Council information which will contribute to the purposes of this Convention and can reasonably be made available and, wherever possible, to assist in carrying out the programmes of research coordinated by the Council.

Article 6

(1) Each Contracting Party shall be represented at the Council by not more than two delegates.

(2) A delegate who is not present at a meeting of the Council may be replaced by a substitute who shall have all the powers of the delegate for that meeting.

(3) Each Contracting Party may appoint such experts and advisers as it may determine to assist in the work of the Council.

Article 7

(1) The Council shall meet in ordinary session once a year. This session shall be held in Copenhagen, unless the Council decides otherwise.

(2) Extraordinary sessions of the Council may be called by the Bureau at such place and time as it may determine and shall be so called on the request of at least one-third of the Contracting Parties.

Article 8

(1) Each Contracting Party shall have one vote in the Council.

(2) Decisions of the Council shall, except where otherwise in this Convention specially provided, be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast for or against. If there is an even division of votes on any matter which is subject to a simple majority decision the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

Article 9

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Convention the Council shall draw up its own Rules of Procedure which shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Contracting Parties.

(2) English and French shall be the working languages of the Council.

Article 10

(1) The Council shall elect from among the delegates its President, a first Vice-President, and a further 5 Vice-Presidents. This last number may be augmented by a decision taken by the Council by a two-thirds majority.

(2) The President and the Vice-Presidents shall assume office on the first day of November next following their election, for a term of three years. They are eligible for re-election according to the Rules of Procedure.

(3) On assuming office the President shall cease forthwith to be a delegate.

Article 11

(1) The President and Vice-Presidents shall together constitute the Bureau of the Council.

(2) The Bureau shall be the Executive Committee of the Council and shall carry out the decisions of the Council, draw up its agenda and convene its meetings. It shall also prepare the budget. It shall invest the reserve funds and carry out the tasks entrusted to it by the Council. It shall account to the Council for its activities.