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**NORWAY, ICELAND,
FAEROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND**

**Agreement on cooperation in research, conservation and
management of marine mammals in the North Atlantic.
Signed at Nuuk on 9 April 1992**

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ÎLES FÉROÉ ET GROENLAND**

**Accord de coopération relatif à l'étude, la conservation et la
gestion des stocks de mammifères marins dans l'Atlan-
tique Nord. Signé à Nuuk le 9 avril 1992**

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AGREEMENT¹ ON COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF MARINE MAMMALS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC

The Parties,

IN PURSUANCE of the objectives laid down in the Memorandum of Understanding, signed at Tromsø on 19 April 1990, on cooperation between countries bordering the North Atlantic Ocean in research, conservation and management of marine mammals;

HAVING REGARD to their common concerns for the rational management, conservation and optimum utilization of the living resources of the sea in accordance with generally accepted principles of international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;²

DESIRING to enhance their cooperation in research on marine mammals and their role in the ecosystem, including, where appropriate, multi-species approaches, and on the effects of marine pollution and other human activities;

BEARING IN MIND the need to develop management procedures which take into account the relationship between marine mammals and other marine living resources;

RECALLING the general principles of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources as reflected in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development;

CONVINCED that regional bodies in the North Atlantic can ensure effective conservation, sustainable marine resource utilization and development with due regard to the needs of coastal communities and indigenous people;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

There is hereby established an international organization that shall be known as the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO).

Article 2

The objective of the Commission shall be to contribute through regional consultation and cooperation to the conservation, rational management and study of marine mammals in the North Atlantic.

¹ Came into force on 8 July 1992, 90 days after the date of signature, in accordance with article 10.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 1833, 1834 and 1835, No. I-31363.