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Status of Commission proposals

The attached was received from Depository Government for information of Commissioners. Normal diplomatic distribution is being made concurrently.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs the Chiefs of Mission of the Governments concerned with the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries signed at Washington under date of February 8, 1949, and has the honor to refer to Proposal (1) for International Regulation respecting the fishery for Atlantic salmon on the high seas in the Convention area, which was adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Plenary Session on June 6, 1969, and entered into force on April 3, 1970, for all Contracting Governments except those Governments which objected to that proposal, namely, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Norway.

In this connection, the Secretary of State informs the Chiefs of Mission of the receipt on December 31, 1975, of a note No. 88/75 of December 30, 1975, from the Ambassador of Norway declaring that the Government of Norway accepts the above-mentioned proposal. The proposal entered into force for Norway on December 31, 1975, pursuant to Article VIII, paragraph 7(c) of the Convention, as amended.

The Secretary of State also refers to his circular note of October 9, 1975, informing the Chiefs of Mission of an objection by the Government of Spain to paragraph (b) of Proposal (11) adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries on June 20, 1975, which proposal is entitled Proposal for International Quota Regulation of the Fisheries in the Convention Area

and in Statistical Areas 0 and 6. In accordance with the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 8, of the Convention as amended, the Secretary of State informs the Chiefs of Mission that on December 17, 1975, a note dated December 11, 1975, was received from the Embassy of Spain withdrawing the objection by the Government of Spain to the above-mentioned proposal. There being no further objections to paragraph (b) of Proposal (11), it will enter into force on January 16, 1976.

Reference is further made to paragraph (a) of Proposal (11) adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries on June 20, 1975. The Chiefs of Mission are informed of the receipt on January 13, 1976, by the Department of State of a note of the same date from the Embassy of Iceland informing the Government of the United States of America of the objection by the Government of Iceland to the national quota allocation for capelin in Subareas 2 and 3 for the year 1976 as set forth in Proposal (11)(a). A copy of the Embassy's note is enclosed. As provided by Article VIII, paragraph 7, of the Convention as amended, Proposal (11)(a) will not become effective for an additional period of at least sixty days from January 16, 1976, unless the objection is withdrawn prior to that date.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if each Chief of Mission would forward this information to his Government.

Enclosure:

Copy of Note from Embassy of
Iceland dated January 13, 1976.

Department of State,

Washington, January 15, 1976.

EMBASSY OF ICELAND
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Embassy of Iceland presents its compliments to The Honorable the Secretary of State and has the honor to refer to the latter's circular note of July 16, 1975, transmitting for the consideration of the Contracting Governments of the International Convention for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries eleven proposals for international regulation of the fisheries adopted by the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

The Embassy has the honor to inform the Secretary of State, as Depository Government for the Commission, of an objection by the Government of Iceland to the national quota allocation for capelin in Subareas 2 and 3 for the year 1976 as set forth in Proposal No. 11 (A).

The Government of Iceland has before stated that it is ready to agree to the establishment of an overall catch limit on capelin in the areas concerned in order to prevent overexploitation and furthermore the establishment of a special quota allocation for the coastal state, sufficient to fulfill its needs. The said proposed quota allocation for capelin is, however, in the view of the Government of Iceland, not fair and equitable in other respects and therefore unacceptable.

The Embassy of Iceland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary of State the assurances of its highest consideration.

Washington, D. C., January 13, 1976.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

