MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS: ENHANCED FISHERIES CO-OPERATION ON CONTROL, MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE OF FISHERIES.

The Faroe Islands and the United Kingdom, being responsible for monitoring the fishing industry's compliance with regulations in waters under their respective jurisdictions, have agreed to cooperate in the fields of monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries. With a view to enhancing cooperation in this direction it was agreed that the officials of the above named authorities would work together on issues of common interest.

In this context the Participants accept the following specific items:-

1. <u>Inspection of vessels flying the flag of the inspecting authority</u>

An authority which intends to inspect fishing vessels flying its flag in accordance with its own national rules in the waters under the jurisdiction of the other Participant to this arrangement will be authorised to carry out such inspection activity provided it has given prior notification to the other authority concerned of its intention. The prior notification will be communicated to the relevant authority of the other Participant not less than 48 hours prior the crossing of boundaries. The notification will include the following information:-

- a) The name and call sign of the inspection vessel;
- b) The estimated point and time of entry into the waters under the jurisdiction of the coastal State, and the estimated duration of any patrol.

In the absence of any reaction within 24 hours upon the receipt of a notification, from the relevant national authorities it will be presumed that the inspection by either Participant, in accordance with its own rules, may be undertaken in the waters under jurisdiction of the other Participant.

The inspection vessel will send a report of any inspection activity undertaken in the relevant area to the authorities of the coastal State at the end of any patrol.

2. Exchange of information and intelligence

The control authorities of the United Kingdom and the Faroes Islands agree to share information and intelligence on fishing activity within the waters under their jurisdiction, where such information is directly relevant to the control or surveillance work being undertaken by either Participant of vessels flying its flag.

In dealing with information in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding, each Participant will comply with their own applicable rules and regulations concerning the protection of data.

On behalf of the United Kingdom

Islands

Date:

On behalf of the Faroe