

**Agreement on Principles for the Delimitation of the Sea Areas in the Baltic Sea
between the Kingdom of Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
13 January 1988**

With a view to further strengthening the friendly relations and co-operation between the Kingdom of Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations the Parties have agreed as follows.

The disputed area between Sweden and the Soviet Union shall be apportioned in such a way that 75 per cent of the total area is allotted to Sweden and 25 per cent is allotted to the Soviet Union. The demarcation line shall connect the northernmost and southernmost points of the disputed area and shall be symmetric with respect to the outer contours of the area.

Within the context of this Agreement and for a twenty-year period following the establishment of the demarcation line, Sweden shall grant the Soviet Union an annual catch quota of 18,000 tons, including 240 tons of salmon, in its part of the formerly disputed area. During the same period the Soviet Union shall grant Sweden an annual catch quota of 6,000 tons, including 80 tons of salmon, in its portion of the formerly disputed area.

It is understood by the Parties that fishing in the formerly disputed area shall not adversely affect the stock of living resources.

After the expiry of the twenty-year period the two Parties shall initiate negotiations concerning future catch quotas, taking account of the stock of living resources in the area and also the traditional fishing of Sweden and the Soviet Union. At the negotiations, each Party shall, on the basis of the new quotas to be agreed upon, and without prejudice to its ability to assign catch quotas to other States, grant the other Party access under this Agreement to such unutilized portion of the total allowable catch in its part of the formerly disputed area as the Party in question considers that it can set aside for foreign fishing.

On the basis of this Agreement the plenipotentiaries of the Parties shall, in the near future, elaborate one or more Agreements with a view to implementing its provisions.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

DONE at Stockholm on 13 January 1988, in duplicate in the Swedish and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Kingdom of Sweden:

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics