MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
AUSTRALIA CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROVISIONAL
FISHERIES SURVEILLANCE AND ENFORCEMENT ARRANGEMENT

Following discussions in Canberra from 4 to 7 November 1980, delegations representing the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Australia, meeting for further discussions in Jakarta from 27 to 29 October 1981, have recorded the following understandings:

- (1) It is accepted by both Governments that a provisional fisheries surveillance and enforcement arrangement should be established in the maritime areas lying between Indonesia and Australia, outside the territorial sea of either country, where the economic or fishing zone of each country, established in accordance with international law, would overlap.
- (2) It is understood that in areas of that overlap, and pending the permanent settlement of maritime boundaries between the two countries, neither Government will exercise jurisdiction for fisheries surveillance and enforcement purposes beyond a provisional fisheries line in respect of swimming fish species against fishing vessels licensed to fish for such species by the authorities of the other country.
- (3) The provisional fisheries line in this arrangement is the line linking the points described by the geographic coordinates set out in the list on the sketch map attached to this Memorandum of Understanding.
- (4) In maritime areas where the existing seabed agreements concluded between Australia and Indonesia apply, the two countries will continue to exercise their jurisdiction over sedentary fish species in accordance with those agreements.

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- (5) In relation to:
 - (a) swimming species in areas where the provisions of paragraph (2) do not apply; and
 - (b) sedentary species in areas where the existing agreements referred to in paragraph (4) do not apply;

the two Governments will consult as necessary with a view to avoiding difficulties arising between them with regard to the exercise of their respective jurisdiction.

- (6) In relation to the delimitation negotiations between the two countries, it is expressly understood that this arrangement is provisional in nature, is without prejudice to the position of either Government in those negotiations and does not affect the limits of the 200 nautical mile zones established by either country or the exercise of fisheries jurisdiction by either country within such zones except as provided under this arrangement.
- (7) The provisional arrangement will not affect traditional fishing by Indonesian traditional fishermen in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between officials of the two countries signed at Jakarta on 7 November, 1974.
- (8) Both Governments will take all necessary steps to ensure the smooth effective implementation of this provisional arrangement.
- (9) The foregoing provisional fisheries surveillance and enforcement arrangement will come into effect on 1 February 1982.

Jakarta, 29 October 1981.

Signed

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