(iv) any operation at sea in support of, or in preparation for, any activity described in this definition, except for any operation in emergencies involving the health and safety of crew members or the safety of a vessel; or

(v) the use of an aircraft in relation to any activity described in this definition except for flights in emergencies involving the health or safety of crew members or the safety of a vessel;

(i) "Fishing entity" means any fishing entity referred to in article 1 paragraph 3 of the 1995 Agreement;

(j) "Fishing vessel" means any vessel used or intended for use for the purposes of the commercial exploitation of fishery resources, including mother ships, any other vessels directly engaged in such fishing operations, and vessels engaged in transshipment;

(k) "Fishing research vessel" means any vessel engaged in fishing, as defined in (h), for scientific research purposes, including permanent research vessels or vessels normally engaged in commercial fishing operations, or fishing support activities;

(l) "Fishery resources" means resources of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and other sedentary species within the Convention Area, excluding:

(i) sedentary species subject to the fishery jurisdiction of coastal States pursuant to article 77 paragraph 4 of the 1982 Convention; and

(ii) highly migratory species listed in Annex I of the 1982 Convention;

(m) "Flag State" means, unless otherwise indicated:

(i) a state whose vessels are entitled to fly its flag; or

(ii) a regional economic integration organisation in which vessels are entitled to fly the flag of a member State of that regional economic integration organisation;

(n) "Living marine resources" means all living components of marine ecosystems, including seabirds;

(o) "Regional economic integration organisation" unless otherwise specified, means a regional economic integration organisation to which all its member States have transferred competence over matters covered by this Convention, including the authority to make decisions binding on its member States in respect of those matters; and

(p) "Transshipment" means unloading of all or any of the fishery resources on board a fishing vessel to another fishing vessel either at sea or in port without the products having been recorded by a port State as landed.

Article 2. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Convention is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Convention Area through the effective implementation of this Convention.

Article 3. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

In giving effect to the objective of this Convention, the Contracting Parties, where appropriate through the Organisation, shall, in particular:

(a) adopt measures, based on the best scientific evidence available, to ensure the long term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources to which this Convention applies;

(b) apply the precautionary approach in accordance with article 7;

(c) apply the provisions of this Convention relating to fishery resources, taking due account of the impact of fishing operations on ecologically related species such as seabirds, cetaceans, seals and marine turtles;

(d) adopt, where necessary, conservation and management measures for species belonging to the same ecosystem as, or associated with or dependent upon, the harvested fishery resources;

(e) ensure that fishery practices and management measures take due account of the need to minimise harmful impacts on living marine resources as a whole; and

(f) protect biodiversity in the marine environment.

Article 4. GEOGRAPHICAL APPLICATION

Except as otherwise provided, this Convention applies within the Convention Area, being all waters beyond areas of national jurisdiction in the area bounded by a line joining the following points along parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude:

beginning at the outer limit of waters under national jurisdiction at a point 6° South, thence due west along the 6° South parallel to the meridian 10° West, thence due north along the 10° West meridian to the equator, thence due west along the equator to the meridian 20° West, thence due south along the 20° West meridian to a parallel 50° South, thence due east along the 50° South parallel to the meridian 30° East, thence due north along the 30° East meridian to the coast of the African continent.

Article 5. THE ORGANISATION

1. The Contracting Parties hereby establish and agree to maintain the South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation, herein "the Organisation".

2. The Organisation shall comprise: