



**DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS ON FISHERIES AND
AQUACULTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ESTONIA AND THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,
RURAL AND MARITIME AFFAIRES OF THE
KINGDOM OF SPAIN.**

Signed in Tallinn, this 3rd day of July, 2008

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Signed by

Mr. Ants Noot, the Secretary General, representing the Ministry of
Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia;

and

Mr. Juan Carlos Martin Fragueiro, the Secretary General of the Sea,
authorized to office by virtue of the Royal Decree 575/2008 on the 21st
of April (BOE 22-04-08), representing the Ministry of Environment,
Rural and Maritime Affaires of the Kingdom of Spain

Both signatories manifest their will to sign the present document in order
to increase the cooperation between the two countries in the field of
fisheries and aquaculture and set forth the following:

FIRSTLY. To carry out mutual cooperation in the field of cultural, social, economic and technological development in the framework of the current friendly relations between the institutions represented by the aforementioned signatories.

SECONDLY. It is necessary to insure, not only the close relationship between both signatories, but to increase also the cooperation in the field of fisheries and aquaculture by promoting it through actions, which are beneficial to all of the participating bodies

THIRDLY. The progress that the signatories hope to reach via cooperation in the field of fisheries and aquaculture, enable to establish relations of mutual interest and to guarantee the sustainability of fish resources.

By virtue thereof, both parties agree to sign the present Declaration of Intentions in accordance with and subject to the following sections (paragraphs):

FIRST. THE OBJECTIVE

The objective of the present Declaration of Intentions is to strengthen the bonds between the fisheries and aquaculture institutions of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Environment, Rural and Maritime Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, so that the cooperation between the signatories contributes to sustainable development and to the improvement of the effectiveness and efficiency of the producers of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

SECOND. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In order to achieve the aforementioned objective, the participating bodies agree to establish and define the main topics of interest which are:

In relation to aquaculture:

- To promote the exchange (technological/know-how) in matters of environmental control of aquaculture installations, thereby stimulating the organization of: A) Meetings with research centers specialized in the matter, with the intention to define joint projects of mutual interest, and, B) visits to the private aquaculture sector of Estonia
- To promote the holding of working sessions, in order to exchange experiences and to set objectives related to Community policies on prices and quality of aquaculture products on one hand, and on the other hand, to assess future joint actions
- To promote the joint work of both parties and the private sector, in order to design common strategies for the administrations in charge of aquaculture
- To promote the technical advice on water quality control provided by the Spanish experts through appropriate institutions to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia
- To promote an exchange of experiences regarding the cultivation of new species in fish farms by creating an exchange programme for experts

THIRD. MONITORING COMMISSION

A high-level administrative working group on aquaculture will be created between Spain and Estonia by the present Declaration of Intentions.

This working group will meet at least once a year with the aim of analyzing the aspects of common interest, sharing experiences and proposing and undertaking the monitoring of joint cooperation projects.

This group will be comprised of:

- Three representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia, and
- Three representatives of the General Secretariat of the Sea of the Ministry of Environment, Rural and Maritime Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain.

FOURTH. MODIFICATIONS AND PREMATURE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The present Declaration of Intentions can be modified upon mutual agreement of signatories through the formalization of an appropriate Modification Memorandum, which must be endorsed prior to the expiry of this Declaration of Intentions' duration period.

The present Declaration of Intentions, is terminated, either by mutual agreement of the signatories or by the will of one of them, communicated to the other signatory in writing giving one month's notice.

FIFTH. DURATION

The present Declaration of Intentions, without obligations under International Law for the signatories, will remain in effect from the date of its signing until the 31st of December 2010.

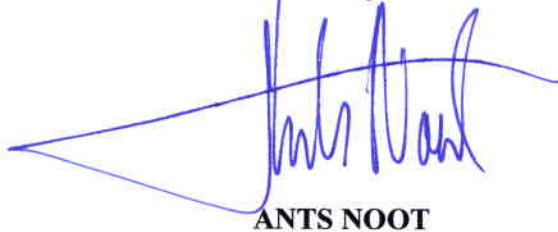
It could, however, be extended by mutual agreement of signatories through the formalization of the appropriate Extension Memorandum, which must be formalized prior to the period established in the previous paragraph.

In witness thereof, both signatories sign this Declaration altogether in six copies, in Spanish (2), in English (2) and in Estonian (2) in the place and date determined as follows. In case of differences in the interpretation of the stipulations of this Declaration of Intentions, the English version shall prevail.

Signed in Tallinn, on the 3rd of July 2008.

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ESTONIA**

The Secretary General



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