

CONSIDERING the dependence of traditional Sami culture and livelihood on primary economic activities, such as reindeer husbandry in the traditional areas of Sami settlement,

HAVE AGREED on the following provisions,

Article 1

Notwithstanding the provisions of the EC Treaty, exclusive rights to reindeer husbandry within traditional Sami areas may be granted to the Sami people.

Article 2

This Protocol may be extended to take account of any further development of exclusive Sami rights linked to their traditional means of livelihood. The Council may, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission, and after consulting the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions, adopt the necessary amendments to the Protocol.

Protocol No 4

on the petroleum sector in Norway

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

RECOGNIZING the major impact of the petroleum sector on the Norwegian economy and the development of its society,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

THEY TAKE NOTE that the EC Treaty in no way prejudices the rules in Member States governing the system of property ownership;

THEY RECALL that Member States have sovereignty and sovereign rights over petroleum resources;

THEY RECOGNIZE to this effect that Member States have:

- (a) the right to State participation in petroleum activities and to appoint a legal entity to manage that participation;
- (b) exclusive rights to resource management, inter alia exploration and exploitation policies, the optimization of development and production and the rate at which petroleum resources may be depleted or otherwise exploited;
- (c) exclusive rights to specify and levy taxes, royalties or other financial payments payable by virtue of such exploration and exploitation,

and REAFFIRM that the exercise of such rights by Member States must be in accordance with the Treaties and the other provisions of Community law.
