

they can take this into account in their work programme.

8. Before we conclude this session of meetings, we might wish to exchange views on future arrangements, pending the coming into force of an eventual permanent agreement. But this should await the results of our efforts to resolve the key fisheries issues. We could then consider whether it might be possible to take any agreed positions, "building blocks" if you will, and see if they can be put together in a structure designed to act as a bridge to the permanent agreement.

9. With only a short period of time available to us here in Ottawa this week, we must make every effort to make full use of it in the most effective way. For our part, I can assure you that I and my colleagues will do our best to move forward towards what remains our clear objective: conclusion of a mutually acceptable, fair and balanced comprehensive maritime boundaries and long-term fisheries agreement.