

on the basis of your collective experience and wisdom help define principles and propose practical steps that may lead to the resolution of abuses in high seas fishing. You can add to a climate of increased international awareness and co-operation that is needed to provide lasting solutions to the serious problems facing us today.

Newfoundlanders and all Canadians are pleased to welcome so distinguished a group of international legal and scientific experts from so many nations that have gathered here for the next three days to consider these important matters. Let me offer to you my sincere best wishes for your discussions.