high seas and ensure that coastal state interests are fully recognized and protected," said Mr. Crosbie. "Canadian officials will participate actively in the meeting to achieve these objectives."

This issue will also be brought to the fore by the Canadian delegation to the next preparatory meeting of the UN Conference on Environment and Development, to be held in Geneva in August.

The results of the New York meeting will serve as the basis for a report to be prepared by the United Nations.

- 30 -

For further information, media representatives may contact:

Media Relations Office External Affairs and International Trade Canada (613) 995-1874