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Memorandum for the Prime Minister:

20th March, 1930

New Halibut Convention.

Attached is a memorandum prepared by Mr. Beaudry on the new Halibut Convention, which is now ready for signature. The new Convention takes the place of the old and embodies the recommendations of the International Fisheries Commission in making the restriction of halibut fishery in the North Pacific more stringent as to area, season and methods of fishing permitted. The new Convention was in substance approved by Council in May, 1928, and has now, after prolonged discussion, been approved by the United States Government with minor verbal amendments.

The Convention is now ready for signature. The United States Secretary of State has intimated that ^{President} he is giving power to sign the Convention to the United States Charge d'Affaires in Ottawa. It is therefore necessary to decide whether the Full Powers to sign on behalf of Canada should be obtained for the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

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