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## CANADA-U.S.A. MARITIME BOUNDARIES/FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that following year-end reports by Special Negotiators Marcel Cadieux and Lloyd N. Cutler, to their respective governments, he and Secretary of State Vance had each reviewed the situation. They had discussed the matter by telephone and had given additional instructions to the Special Negotiators and, in particular, had directed them to meet again urgently and to make fresh efforts to bridge the few but difficult and sensitive remaining differences. The positions of both sides as to the Atlantic coast problem had been tabled, and concerted efforts were underway to find areas of flexibility, in the expectation that movement by both sides can lead to a fair and balanced agreement. The Secretary and the Minister will be following developments closely and will remain in touch as appropriate.

Messrs. Vance and Jamieson are agreed that their efforts should be directed, in the first instance, to resolving outstanding issues on the Atlantic coast. When this is achieved, they are agreed that fresh efforts should also be undertaken to develop solutions to the Pacific coast and Beaufort Sea maritime boundaries and fisheries problems.

The Secretary and the Minister are agreed that this negotiation warrants their closest personal commitment. They believe an agreed settlement would serve the national interests of both countries and will work towards an early achievement of that joint objective.