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allowed in an emergency. Otherwise, they are not even allowed in our ports any longer. Portuguese vessels that used to fill our harbour at St. John's no longer are there. If you go to St. John's today, you will not see one. There have been many, many actions taken that are within our power to take.

Since I became minister of fisheries, I have advanced this cause all I could, just as I was doing before, since I represent the province of Newfoundland as a minister. I intend to visit Cuba, Russia, Poland and Panama over the next few weeks.

We have a problem with the non-NAFO countries. Panama's vessels are all Spanish or Portuguese owned. Panama and South Korea are out there taking 40,000 odd tonnes of cod and flatfish a year as well outside our 200-mile economic zone. We are hoping to make some progress with Panama on how this can be dealt with. The Koreans are now reducing their fishing effort in the northwest Atlantic.

It is not that action is not being taken. Bilaterally and multilaterally in international institutions we have got to make our case. We have got to be able to show the rest of the world if we are forced to take some unilateral actions in the future. We have to be able to show the rest of the world: "Look, we have made every possible effort bilaterally. We made every possible effort multilaterally in international organizations to resolve this question of overfishing of straddling stocks outside our 200-mile fishing zone, and despite these huge efforts and the reasonableness of our position, and recognition by impartial parties, environmentalists and the rest, that this is a threat to a fish stock that might vanish from the earth if this overfishing is not stopped, we cannot accomplish anything".

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There is a consensus procedure in international organizations. You need to have the other parties agree. There has to be a consensus. There has been no consensus despite these tremendous efforts of ours and the reasonable steps we have taken.

This all having been done and nothing having been accomplished because of the obduracy, the obstinacy, the closing a blind eye to the imperviousness to the needs of

humanity of Spain and Portugal to the European Community, in the light of all of this and having had no results, we are now going to have to take certain unilateral actions.

We asked the international community to accept them and to back them up because if we try to extend our jurisdiction, functional or otherwise, outside the 200-mile limit, it will not matter a twit if other countries are not going to recognize it.

The opposition member suggesting this course of action had to answer the question: What is to happen if we say we are extending jurisdiction of fisheries matters to the nose and tail of the Banks, but the countries fishing out there say: "We have freedom of the high seas. International law backs us in this issue. Canada has no authority outside 200 miles. We do not recognize it. We are going to continue to fish". What then does Canada do?

It is useless to declare functional or any other kind of jurisdiction if you cannot back it up, if you cannot successfully establish it. It would come down to a question of confrontation. If they do not accept our jurisdiction, if they do not set the quotas we set or stop fishing if we say: "Stop fishing", how do we enforce it?

We have to ask ourselves: Are we prepared to follow up with some kind of armed force? How are we going to follow up if we do that? Before we get to that stage, surely, we should stop posturing. It is easy enough when you are not in a position of responsibility to play the war-like hero. I could pretend to be Sylvester Stallone. I certainly look just as good as he does.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Crosbie: Better. I might not be quite as muscular. But that would not serve Canada well because the world is not going to be bullied by Sylvester Stallone unless Sylvester Stallone can show first that he has attempted to be Clark Kent and that he has done everything possible multilaterally and bilaterally to get other nations to do the proper thing in connection with these fish stocks.

That is why we cannot accept this motion at the present time to extend functional jurisdiction. We have to complete this process.