

CANADIAN POSITION

Canada is seriously concerned about impact of high seas driftnet fishing on salmon, marine mammals, seabirds, and other sealife in the North Pacific Ocean. As a sponsor of UN resolutions on driftnet fishing adopted in 1989 and 1990, Canada is seeking an end to all highseas driftnet fishing by mid-1992 (unless effective conservation measures can be developed). Canada also strongly supports the development of alternative fishing gear that would minimize the bycatch problem. The results of the 1989 and 1990 Japanese driftnet observer program demonstrates the need to maintain pressure on the Asian driftnetting countries to curtail this method of fishing in accordance with the UN resolutions.

Canada has encouraged Korea to develop more selective and environmentally sound fishing methods as alternatives to driftnets. While Canada is pleased with the agreed program of scientific exchanges with Korea to begin in 1991, Canada continues to seek Korea's acceptance of at least two Canadian scientific observers to be placed on Korean commercial squid driftnet vessels to assist in the gathering of data on the impact of driftnet fisheries.

KOREAN POSITION

Korea is not prepared to accede to Canada's requests for cooperation regarding acceptance of Canadian driftnet observers in the absence of an umbrella fisheries agreement to encompass overall bilateral fisheries cooperation.