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CROSBIE TO HOLD TALKS ON ENERGY, FISHERIES IN EUROPE

ST.JOHN'S -- International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie will address a number of issues of importance to Newfoundland when he holds discussions with representatives of European Governments during his visit to Switzerland, Italy and the U.K. between January 27 and February 3, 1989.

"I intend to press Newfoundland's concerns about European overfishing and its harmful impact on the livelihood of our fishermen," the Minister said.

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Excessive EC fishing activity on the Nose and Tail of the Grand Bank outside Canadian waters is detrimental to sound fisheries conservation and to good fisheries relations with the Community. A moratorium on cod fishing on the Nose of the Bank has been established by the North Atlantic Fisheries Organizations (NAFO) and accepted by all NAFO members except the EC.