

last year up to the present, the two sides have made considerable progress towards an overall settlement. Nevertheless, a number of difficult issues remain to be resolved. In this new phase following the suspension of the Interim Agreement, we must now move forward as rapidly as possible on three fronts:

- 1) Firstly, we must agree on percentage allocations for a number of important fish stocks on the east coast, and on the west coast we must develop the terms and conditions relating to the conduct of reciprocal fishing;
- 2) We must close the gap between our respective maritime boundary positions in the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank area, off Juan de Fuca, in the Dixon Entrance area, and in the Beaufort Sea; and
- 3) While we pursue our efforts towards a comprehensive agreement, we must find the best means of promoting cooperation in our fisheries relations until such time as a permanent agreement can come into force.

With respect to the detailed fisheries issues, it would be useful to have Atlantic and Pacific working groups meet to review where we stood when we adjourned negotiations last March. These groups should also discuss any new ideas which can help to narrow the divergence between our respective