

Department of External Affairs



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Ministère des Affaires extérieures

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of our governments concerning a long-term agreement on maritime boundaries and related marine resources. I have the honour also to refer to the Reciprocal Fisheries Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada (The 1977 Reciprocal Agreement) signed in Washington, D.C., February 24, 1977.

While significant progress has been achieved toward conclusion of a long-term agreement, a number of issues remain to be resolved. As you are aware, the 1977 Reciprocal Agreement expired December 31, 1977. Pending conclusion of the long-term agreement, it is necessary to establish further agreed interim measures.

I therefore propose that each party continue on a reciprocal basis to observe the terms and conditions of the

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U.S.A. Department of State,

Washington, D.C.