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## CANADA/ROMANIA FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS OTTAWA, JUNE 8 AND 9, 1977

The Department of External Affairs announces today that Canadian and Romanian representatives met in Ottawa on June 8 and 9, 1977 to discuss their future cooperation in the field of fisheries.

The Romanian Delegation was led by Mr. O. Ernest, head of the delegation of the Socialist Republic of Romania to the Annual Meeting of ICNAF. The Canadian Delegation was led by Mr. L.H.J. Legault, Director General, International Directorate, Fisheries and Marine Service, Department of Fisheries and the Environment.

The two sides put forward proposals as the possible basis for an agreement on the terms and conditions that would govern continued fishing by Romanian vessels in areas under Canadian jurisdiction. On the basis of these proposals, they agreed on the terms of an agreement which, if approved by both governments, would permit Romanian vessels to fish in the area concerned, under Canadian authority and control, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements. The agreement also recognizes the special interests of Canada, including the needs of Canadian coastal communities, in fisheries resources in the area beyond and immediately adjacent to the Canadian 200-mile zone.

The proposed agreement will now be submitted to the approval of the two governments. Since the extension of Canadian jurisdiction over fisheries on January 1, it is the second such agreement to be negotiated following the conclusion in May of an agreement with Cuba.