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SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND JAPAN ON MUTUAL FISHERIES RELATIONS

Canada and Japan signed today in Tokyo a bilateral fisheries agreement. The agreement was signed by the Administrative Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Keisuke Arita, and the Canadian Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Bruce Rankin, and comes into force immediately.

The agreement sets out the terms and conditions that govern continued fishing by Japanese vessels under Canadian fisheries laws and regulations in areas under Canadian fisheries jurisdiction, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements. It includes provisions for the determination by the Government of Canada of allocations for Japanese fishing vessels, the issuance of Canadian licences to these vessels and their compliance with the conservation measures established by Canada. The agreement also refers to the special interest of Canada in fisheries resources in the area beyond and immediately adjacent to the Canadian 200 mile zone. It is the fifth agreement to do so since the extension of Canadian jurisdiction to 200 miles: similar agreements have been concluded with Cuba, Romania, the German Democratic Republic, and Bulgaria. It becomes the twelfth agreement dealing with foreign fishing in the Canadian fishing zone.