

- (III) We will continue to pursue the international law initiative;
- (IV) We will seek to achieve success in the various working groups established this year; and
- (V) We will continue to pursue all of the foregoing in consultation and co-operation with representatives of fishermen, the industry and provincial governments.

And I know, from the support that the Prime Minister has given all our efforts, that this approach will involve his participation whenever there is a role that he can play to advance Canada's position.

Already this fall, there have been two groups that have brought Canada's message to Europe. The Newfoundland-Labrador Federation of Co-operatives took their people-to-people message to Spain in September. The initiative was the Federation's and, in response to their request, we provided technical and other assistance. From all reports, it was a top notch effort by the federation.

As well, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Ross Reid, along with Peter McCreath, M.P. for South Shore in Nova Scotia, participated in the proceedings of the Fisheries Sub-Committee of the Council of Europe held in Aberdeen. This built on contacts made with Parliamentarians from European states made in Ottawa in June 1990 and in various European capitals in the fall of 1989.

There will be other spokespersons this fall who will convey the message of sustainable development through environmental, community, industry, scientific and journalistic contacts. We will continue to provide technical and other assistance for these initiatives. They are important to demonstrate the depth and seriousness of the overfishing problem and various perspectives toward resolving it.

Have we made progress toward ending overfishing outside 200 miles? Yes, we have. Will we be able to continue to make progress? I believe we will. Mr. Valcourt, Mr. Clark and I will continue to pursue the goal of ending overfishing outside 200 miles, with the backing of the Prime Minister and the full government and, I trust, with the continued support of Canada's fishing industry.