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## CANADA/EEC FISHERIES RELATIONS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, and the Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, announced today provisional implementation of the Agreement between the Government of Canada and the European Economic Community on Fisheries. Pursuant to arrangements resulting from the Agreement, EEC vessels have been authorized to begin fishing in accordance with Canadian regulations for their 1979 allocations from stocks in the Atlantic 200 mile zone, which are surplus to Canadian needs.

The short term Agreement, which terminates on December 31, 1979, was initialled by Canadian and EEC negotiators in Ottawa last July. Arrangements are now being made for formal signature of the Agreement, expected in Brussels in the near future, and the subsequent coming into force of the Agreement.

"Acceptance of this interim Agreement marks a step forward in Canada-EEC cooperation in fisheries", Mr. LeBlanc said. "It provides a basis for allocations to the EEC in Canadian waters in 1979, and ensures that there will be no increase in the catch of salmon of Canadian origin off West Greenland for this year".

"The Agreement also provides a sound basis for the continuation of negotiations aimed at achieving a long term agreement on future cooperation in fisheries and in the trade of Canadian fish products between Canada and the European Economic Community", said Mr. LeBlanc.