

Les gouvernements des pays membres sauront peut-être mieux que la Commission, que les ressources de la vie marine doivent être gérées et récoltées en se fondant sur la base d'une solide expertise scientifique. Enfin, a conclu le Ministre, ajouter à ce dossier des éléments émotionnels et irrationnels ne peut qu'être nuisible aux intérêts de tous les membres responsables de la communauté mondiale qui pratiquent entre eux des échanges commerciaux.

THIS AUTUMN'S BILATERAL MEETINGS: AN UPDATE

One of the highlights of Canada-EC relations is the annual exchange between the European and Canadian Parliaments. This year's meeting took place in Copenhagen, September 27-30 under the co-chairmanship of Sir James Scott-Hopkins, Member of the European Parliament and Miss Aideen Nicholson, Member of the Canadian Parliament. These visits, which alternate between Europe and Canada, provide an important opportunity for parliamentarians to discuss current bilateral and international issues from their broad political perspective.

The two delegations began by exchanging views on the process of European Political Cooperation and on Canadian constitutional developments. The discussion on both subjects provided members with the occasion to reflect on the challenges of federalism and integration in both Canada and the Community. The participants then turned to a set of topical economic issues and explored the possibilities at hand for reducing unemployment, combatting protectionism and promoting balanced economic development. Particular attention was given to the role of investment in our societies, and to the impact of new high technologies on industry and on unemployment.

The delegations also came to grips with a series of bilateral subjects, notably the status of the Canada-EC Fisheries Agreement, asbestos, seals, the Canadian Foreign Investment Review Agency, and the proposed Arctic Pilot Project for natural gas. On the Fisheries Agreement, optimism was expressed on the European side that Canadian concerns would soon be accommodated through further negotiations towards a Common Fisheries Policy, and the suggestion was made that the inter-parliamentary group hold hearings with the Canadian and European fishing industries. The meeting concluded with an exchange of views on security questions and on Central America and the Middle East.

During their visit to Copenhagen the parliamentarians had an opportunity to meet with Ministers Ib Stetter and Bertel Harder, members of the new Danish Government, to hear their views on Denmark's role in the Community in general, and as president-in-office in particular.

On November 1-2 the nineteenth round of high level semi-annual consultations are taking place in Ottawa. The two delegations of senior officials will be exchanging views on the current world economic situation and various multilateral trade issues. They will also consider a list of bilateral subjects, including broad issues such as energy, import, and agricultural policies and more specific questions of trade between Canada and Europe.

On November 2 and 3, the two Sub-committees of the Joint