

Representatives of Canada and France met in Ottawa from May 19 to 21 to re-examine their mutual relations in the field of fisheries. The French Delegation was led by Mr. Christian Girard, Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and included representatives of the General Secretariat of the Merchant Marine and of the Ministry of State responsible for overseas departments and territories. The Canadian Delegation, for its part, was headed by Mr. J.A. Beesley, Legal Adviser in the Department of External Affairs and included representatives of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry as well as other representatives of External Affairs. The list of delegates is annexed hereto.

At the end of the discussions, which took place in an atmosphere of great cordiality and mutual comprehension, the two delegations worked out a draft agreement subject to approval by the two governments. This project takes into account the evolution of fishing in Canada, and the traditional activities of French fishermen in the waters of the Atlantic coast, including those of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The delegations also agreed upon a proposed delimitation of the territorial waters and fishing zones between St. Pierre/Miquelon and Newfoundland.