

the cooperative spirit manifested recently by our fishing partners, both in bilateral consultations and at the special meeting in Montreal of the International Commission on Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (ICNAF), where agreement was finally reached on curtailment and more effective control of fishing efforts off our coasts.

All this augurs well for the next - and hopefully the final - session in New York; and on this more hopeful note, I am pleased to declare open this Canadian Exhibition on the Law of the Sea.