

- the fact that effective cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic fisheries will inevitably require both multilateral cooperation and bilateral cooperation, and that the two are interlinked.

This conference is being held outside the formal framework of ICNAF, but it has come about mainly because of the spirit of cooperation which has been displayed within the Commission. ICNAF, with all its weaknesses, was probably more successful than any other multilateral fisheries commission, and the lessons it has taught us must not be forgotten. Among its achievements, ICNAF performed a vital service in scientific research, and it would be wise to ensure that the high level of cooperation in science within ICNAF is not lost.

The new arrangements you negotiate may of necessity look somewhat different from those now in place. It seems necessary that new mechanisms be established to provide for scientific cooperation both within 200 miles, and for the management of fish stocks beyond the 200-mile limit. For Canada, it is also vital to ensure that the new arrangements take into account the special interest of the coastal state in areas outside but adjacent to its zone, and in particular to ensure that management measures for stocks outside 200 miles are consistent with those taken by the coastal state within 200 miles.

In conclusion, I do not believe that national management is incompatible with international cooperation. Coastal states now have the opportunity to manage the living resources of their new zones, but if this management is to be effective, it will be essential to maintain various forms of international cooperation and to develop new ones.

I wish you every success in the coming weeks.

