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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, John Crosbie, today announced the appointment of Ottawa lawyer Roger Tassé as Canada's special representative in discussions with France on fisheries.

Now that the International Court of Arbitration has determined the boundary between Canada and France off the south coast of Newfoundland, the two countries will be meeting to discuss the implications of the decision on the management of fisheries resources and related fisheries issues. A bilateral meeting will be scheduled shortly.

Mr. Tassé served as special advisor to the Government of Canada during the 1987-89 discussions with France that led to the March 1989 agreements referring the disputed boundary to arbitration.

Mr. Tassé retired from the federal public service in 1985 to work in the private sector.

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