

enhanced coastal state jurisdiction over pollution from ships, particularly in ice-covered Arctic waters. The resurgence of the fishing industry in our coastal provinces offers dramatic evidence of the positive impact which the Conference has had upon Canada.

Facing on three oceans, with a vast continental shelf, a major fisheries industry, an important land-based mineral industry and an ecologically vulnerable Arctic, Canada has a vital interest in the outcome of the Law of the Sea Conference. In view of the substantial progress made to date, but without minimizing the problems which remain to be solved, Canada's objective is to achieve the long awaited global convention on the Law of the Sea.