

Goal 4 Implement the two Departments' priority commitments re Johannesburg 2002

OBJECTIVES

TARGETS/ACTIONS

4:C **Implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas**

Ratify or accede to and effectively implement the relevant United Nations and, where appropriate, associated regional fisheries agreements or arrangements, noting in particular the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and the 1993 Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas

*Johannesburg Plan of Implementation
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- (i) continue promotion of the entry into force of the Convention for the Conservation of Highly Migratory Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) by Feb/05 including consultation with the provinces and territories, participation in the WCPFC Preparatory Conference, encouraging engagement in the process by key fishing states and consideration of Canada's own ratification
- (ii) continue promotion of effective implementation of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFA), including the advancement of Canadian objectives at the Review Conference for the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement in 2006.
- (iii) conclude negotiations for, and consider Canadian membership in, a strengthened Inter-American Tropical Tuna Convention by September 2004 based on participation in the working group on the Convention and interdepartmental discussions regarding Canadian participation