

On the multilateral side, Canada continued its active participation in such fora as the International Whaling Commission, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission, and the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries and with regard to the latter, arranged for the convening of a special meeting in Ottawa in October, following the annual meeting in Copenhagen in June. Canada also arranged the convening of an FAO Conference in Vancouver in February to discuss fisheries problems with a view to assisting in the preparations for the Law of the Sea Conference scheduled for Santiago, Chile in early 1974. Fisheries have also figured prominently in Canadian participation in the United Nations Seabed Committee meetings held in March-April, and July-August 1973, in preparation for this Conference.