

In France, Minister Crosbie also met with the French minister responsible for fisheries, Michel Delebarre, Minister of Transports and Oceans, and with Jacques Mellick, Minister responsible for oceans.

In West Germany, Minister Crosbie put forward Canada's views on the urgent need for adherence to NAFO decisions when he met with Ignaz Kiechle, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Forestry, who has responsibility for fisheries. Mr. Crosbie also addressed a German industrial association (BDI).

"Overfishing in the Northwest Atlantic is damaging an important world resource, harming Canadian fishermen, harming fishermen from other NAFO member states, and ultimately, harming European fishermen," the Minister said in an address to the France-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

In both countries, Minister Crosbie met representatives of the European and international media to discuss overfishing in the NAFO area, involving fleets from Spain and Portugal.

The seventh meeting of the Canada-France Joint Economic Commission was held in Paris, France on October 19, 1989. The attached statement was issued jointly by the two chairmen, Canada's International Trade Minister, John C. Crosbie and the International Trade Minister of France, Jean-Marie Rausch.