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nal Affairs (Mr. Clark) and the federal Government are quite simple. The Government of Canada, as it has done in the past, can close its ports to the country which violated the agreement. In other words, that country's vessels cannot come into a Canadian port for supplies. We have done that to the Soviet Union, we have done it to several other countries.

A second option open to the Minister and the Government is that we can impose sanctions. What does that mean? It means that next year that country will not be assigned a quota.

Then there is a third and obvious option which the Government can take, an option which I am sure every single fisherman and fish plant worker, every single person in the Department of Fisheries, would want to recommend, and that is cancellation of the entire agreement with the EEC. Why? Because it is the EEC which has the problem. They are the ones who have to get their house in order. They are the ones who have to deal with the West German Government. They have to say to that Government that its fleet has overfished its quota by 300, 400 or 500 times.

Actually, to face facts here, the entire EEC quota has been exceeded three times by the West Germans alone as of today. So the Canadian Government should cancel the agreement and the EEC would then turn around and say to the West German Government that it has overfished its quota and that means that the U.K., with a quota of 850 metric tonnes, will not be able to get its quota; the French Government, with a quota of about 1,500 metric tonnes, will not be allowed to take its quota. Let the EEC straighten out their own internal affairs; let them get their house in order. Have the Canadian Government cancel the agreement and that would force the West German fleet off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and stop them from raping our resource, as the Hon. Member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Rompkey) said this morning in Question Period.

This is a very, very serious matter. Here we have two countries, the United States and West Germany, as well as the EEC as a whole, involved in discrimination against Canadian fishermen. They see the Canadian federal Government, as this motion says, exercising indifference and negligence in not taking any action. There has never been in Canada, in the past 20 years at least, such a violation of an international agreement in the fishery and it has gone on and on and on. The Minister says "since March"; it has gone on until this very day.

The nine factory freezer trawlers that were out there with their feeder ships, these boats of more than 300 feet in length, have now been reduced to five. Why? Because the other four are all filled up and heading home; but the rest are this very morning still overfishing. And the Minister turns around and says, "Oh, we are going to have more negotiations". Well, as was made clear in this Chamber, the EEC has made its position clear: "We do not respect your jurisdiction". In all honesty I believe the EEC member countries are expecting this Government to cancel the agreement and that is what the Government has to do.

Those are just two matters in which this Government has been negligent in dealing with eastern Canada. I refer to what this new federal Government says is the answer to the fishing problems. I refer to this document called *A New Direction for Canada: An Agenda for Economic Renewal*, presented by the Hon. Michael H. Wilson, Minister of Finance, on November 8, 1984. The Government says new approaches are required. Well, everyone would agree with that.

Mr. Stevens: What page?

Mr. Baker: Page 59. The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) wants to follow along to make sure I am quoting correctly. This publication says:

Government financial resources are not the solution.

The Minister would certainly agree with that. Then we get down to the second last paragraph which says:

Consolidation of employment in the sector would have to be complemented by public and private initiatives to promote job opportunities in other sectors of the economy, as well as fair and generous adjustment programs for workers in the sector.

When you go through that entire section on fisheries, Mr. Speaker, there you see the policy, the solution proposed by this Government to the problems of the Atlantic fishery: "Consolidation of employment", and "promote job opportunities in other sectors of the economy". Can you imagine a government saying to people who work in this industry, the fishermen who feed that industry, the fish plant workers, that it is examining job opportunities elsewhere to see if it cannot work out with private enterprise a fair and generous adjustment program for workers in this sector? That is the policy direction of this Government! Even worse, if we go down to the last line, and I know the Minister is going to follow along, it says:

Fisheries decision-making needs to be more open—

Yes!

—with greater involvement by commercial fishermen—

That is quite a statement and no one would disagree with that. But where was that policy statement when the Government of Canada decided it was going to cancel the entire insurance program for fishermen's boats and then turned around and discovered it could not do that? We in the Liberal Party said that they could not do it because it would cause thousands of fishermen to lose their boats. Sure enough, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans discovered that it could not be done. He then issued a press release saying that they were going to keep up the Government insurance program but triple the rates. They were going to ensure that the plan would survive and be profitable. Mr. Speaker, every fisherman, every fisherman's organization, and every union knows that since its inception that program has had a net benefit of about \$5 million. The Minister is now changing his policy.

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Where was the consultation when the Minister of the Environment (Mrs. Blais-Grenier) announced in the House that the Government of Canada was going to charge people for phoning the weather office? She has still not changed that