

will settle a dispute between Canada and the United States over the location of the boundary that divides the continental shelf and the 200-mile fishing zones of the two countries off the coasts of the Maritime Provinces and the New England States. The case centres on the rich fishery resources and potential hydrocarbon resources of George Bank. Canada claims almost one-half of the Bank and the United States asserts a claim to its entirety. Depending upon the actual location of the boundary, up to 30,000 square nautical miles of ocean space within the 200-mile zones of the Parties may be allocated, and the future delimitation of an additional 20,000 square nautical miles of continental shelf beyond 200 miles may also be affected.

The case will be heard by a special five-member Chamber of the International Court of Justice. The President of the Chamber is Judge Roberto Ago of Italy. The other members of the Chamber are Judge André Gros (France), Judge Hermann Mosler (Federal Republic of Germany), Judge Stephen Schwebel (United States) and Judge ad hoc Maxwell Cohen (Canada). The decision of the Court will be final and binding upon both countries.