

Canada plans to take the issue of high seas fisheries conservation to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in June 1992. Canada will use the Conference to call again for the adoption of principles and measures to conserve the living resources of the high seas and to give full effect to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. "UNCED offers a unique opportunity to galvanize the international community to this end," Mr. Fortier concluded.

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