

Mr. President, the boundary proposed by Canada for the Gulf of Maine area is a reasonable and balanced one whose origins date back to 1964. It results from the application of law to geography. Its equitable character is confirmed by non-geographical relevant circumstances that are rooted in legal principles proper to the zones to be delimited. The conduct of the parties themselves attests to these facts. And the tradition of cooperation between the parties is the most solid foundation for the rational management of the variety of resources that will inevitably be divided by any single Maritime boundary the Court in its wisdom may establish.

Mr. President, Members of the Chamber, I thank you for the courtesy you have shown me in hearing me so patiently today. The agent for Canada will now proceed with his presentation of the Canadian case.