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CANADA APPOINTS **AMBASSADOR FOR FISHERIES CONSERVATION**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, today announced the appointment of Randolph Gherson as Ambassador for Fisheries Conservation, with responsibility for co-ordinating Canadian government efforts to end foreign overfishing in the northwest Atlantic. He will report directly to Minister Crosbie and Minister McDougall.

"Ambassador Gherson will lead Canada's efforts to press the European Community (EC) to fully comply with the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization's (NAFO) fisheries management decisions. He will also urge non-NAFO countries to cease fishing in the fragile northwest Atlantic zone," stated Mrs. McDougall.

In co-operation with provincial governments and industry representatives, Ambassador Gherson will carry forward Canada's diplomatic, legal and information initiatives to ensure conservation of marine resources on the high seas, especially those stocks found in Canadian waters and adjacent waters outside the 200-mile limit.

"Ambassador Gherson has demonstrated effectiveness and dedication in advancing Canada's interests through a distinguished diplomatic career. His experience as our Chief Air Negotiator and his strong background in European and Canada-EC relations will prove invaluable in his new assignment," said Mr. Crosbie. "He is undertaking a difficult task that will require the full co-operation and support of those involved in the Atlantic fishery."