

"It is vital to the conservation of northwest Atlantic fish stocks that the European Community and its member states bring their fishing practices into full accord with the conservation decisions of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization," said Mr. Crosbie. "Quota reductions must translate into real catch reductions. The need for effective enforcement, based on timely improvements in NAFO's surveillance and control system, will be an important message during my fisheries discussions in Portugal."

The delegation accompanying the Minister includes representatives of Atlantic Canada's fishing industry, and Canadian business people who will meet representatives of Portuguese business and industrial associations.

Mr. Crosbie will visit Lisbon and Porto.

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