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Representatives of the Governments of Canada and of the United States today signed in Ottawa a Convention for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. L.S. St. Laurent, presided at the ceremony and the new Convention was signed on behalf of Canada by the Minister of Fisheries, the Hon. James Sinclair, and the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Hugues Lapointe, and on behalf of the United States of America, by the Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the United States in Ottawa, the Hon. Don C. Bliss, and the Special Assistant for Fisheries and Wildlife to the Under-Secretary of State, the Hon. William C. Herrington.

The Convention was signed on the thirtieth anniversary of the signature of the first Halibut Fisheries Convention between Canada and the United States of America, which was also the first bilateral treaty signed on behalf of Canada by a Canadian plenipotentiary, the late Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, father of one of the signers of the present Convention.

(Background information is attached)