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SIGNATURE OF CANADA - BULGARIA AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL FISHERIES RELATIONS

The Department of External Affairs announced today the signing of an agreement between Canada and Bulgaria on Mutual Fisheries Relations. The Agreement, signed on September 27 in New York, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, and the Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Petor Mledenov, comes into force immediately.

The Agreement sets out the terms and conditions that will govern continued fishing by Bulgarian vessels within areas under Canadian jurisdiction. It permits Bulgarian vessels to fish in the waters concerned, under Canadian authority and control for resources surplus to Canadian requirements. The treaty also recognizes the special interest of Canada, including the needs of the Canadian coastal communities in the fisheries resources beyond and immediately adjacent to the Canadian 200-mile zone.

Mr. Jamieson has made it clear that the new organization must recognize Canada's special interest in the area beyond and immediately adjacent to the Canadian 200-mile zone reflecting the predominance of fish resources inside the 200-mile limit, and the needs of the coastal communities of the area.