

TEXT OF LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR CADIEUX TO HIS
AMERICAN COUNTERPART DATED JUNE 2/78

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My dear colleague,

The Department of External Affairs has just informed the United States Embassy that the Canadian Government will no longer continue to give provisional effect to the 1978 Interim Reciprocal Fisheries Agreement. The purpose of this letter is not to rehearse the history of our differences over the Interim Agreement, but rather to reaffirm my commitment to pursue the negotiations towards a long term agreement which will provide a framework for resolving such differences as may occur in the future.

I continue to believe and I know you share this view that an agreement which encompasses, in an inter-related framework, the full range of trans-boundary maritime issues of common concern to our two countries is the most promising means of assuring that the important maritime resources along our common borders can be effectively managed in our mutual interests.

We both agree that negotiations towards a long term maritime boundary/resources agreement should be pursued vigorously and that the problems we have encountered with respect to the Interim Reciprocal Fisheries Agreement need not and should not be allowed to impede this process. In order to promote an atmosphere which will facilitate our negotiations, I propose that the two governments should enter into an undertaking that the actions of the two countries relating to jurisdictional matters in the boundary areas for the duration of our negotiations should be considered as not prejudicing the position of either country in the negotiations or in any third party procedures to which these jurisdictional disputes may be submitted.

Special Negotiator Lloyd N. Cutler,
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