

SSEA: Well, first of all, we've waited. Canada has been extremely patient. We have, from the very beginning worked very vigorously for a multi-lateral solution to this question. We worked at Caracas, we worked at Geneva, and important interests in Canada prior and after each of these meetings were demanding that we declare unilateral action. We did not because we placed a great deal of reliance upon a successful Law of the Sea Conference. The United States also has waited. And we are waiting again. We have come here, we have not proclaimed a unilateral jurisdiction, we are coming to work through the conference in New York and if the first session doesn't succeed maybe it will be possible to have a second session...

Q. How much longer to you feel you can wait?

SSEA: ...but what has happened, I think, at these conferences is that there has emerged, well, if not a complete consensus, a developing consensus within the fisheries area of concern. So that if nations today take unilateral action it will be in accordance, hopefully, with the developing consensus at the Law of the Sea Conference, and it will be in accordance with norms that will have been generally agreed to by all the nations of the world.

Q. Mr. Minister, if I can ask a question in French to Mr. Auger maybe?

SSEA: Yes.

Mr. Auger: Oui?

Q. On a beaucoup parlé dernièrement d'un état d'esprit d'urgence que la conférence en arriver à quelque chose de vraiment concret. Quels sont les points particuliers sur lesquels le Canada insiste absolument d'avoir ces résultats concrets, d'obtenir ces résultats? Est-ce que dans cet optique vous vous êtes fixés une échéance particulière?

Mr. Auger: Mr. Bringué referred to the atmosphere of urgency now prevailing at the Conference; he would like to know on which points Canada will insist at the conference. Et puis, le dernier parti de votre question?

Q. Est-ce que vous vous êtes fixés une échéance?

Mr. Auger: Have we set ourselves a deadline for the conclusion of the conference?

SSEA: For the conclusion of the overall?

Q. At least up to the point that you, Canada, want.

SSEA: No, the Government of Canada has not set a deadline for the conference itself, nor indeed have we set a deadline for ourselves on the question of a unilateral extension of fisheries jurisdiction. We have set no deadlines in advance, but I've stated elsewhere, I've stated at the General Assembly, that at some point in our mind procrastination becomes failure, and we just can't wait indefinitely. In my statement in the