

The fundamental objectives I have just described are those that will guide the Canadian delegation when the next session of the Law of the Sea Conference opens in Geneva on March 17. On that delegation, as at Caracas, there will be representatives of the fishing industry as well as from the mining and shipping sectors. Parliament and the interested provinces will also be represented on the delegation. My colleagues, the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of State for Fisheries, and I intend to spend some time at the conference. That indicates the importance we all attach to this next round of international negotiations. We hope that all of the efforts we have made over the years will result in complete success and better protection of Canada's vital interests in the oceans.