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Canadian proposal for a resolution relating to  
vessels of non-Member Countries operating in the Convention Area

The General Council

Noting that, in 1978 and 1979, vessels flying the flags of Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico have fished in the NAFO Regulatory Area,

Noting that Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico are not Members of ICNAF or NAFO, and that the vessels in question have operated outside the conservation regime established by ICNAF and NAFO,

Noting that the fish stocks of the Regulatory Area are, at present, being fully utilized by Members of ICNAF and NAFO,

Noting, in consequence, that fishing by states which are not Members of ICNAF or NAFO represents a serious threat to conservation in the Regulatory Area,

Noting that the vessels in question have links with Members of ICNAF or NAFO and, in particular, that at least some of these vessels are owned either wholly or in part by fishing interests in Member Countries, and that at least some of the catch of these vessels is landed in Member Countries,

- Resolves
- (1) that all Members of NAFO be called upon to take all practicable steps to prevent arrangements between their nationals and vessels flying the flags of States which are not members of ICNAF or NAFO, where such arrangements involve fishing by such vessels in the NAFO Regulatory Area, and
  - (2) that Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela be informed by the Chairman of the Commission of the difficulties created by fishing vessels flying their flags with regard to the conservation of the stocks of the Regulatory Area.

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