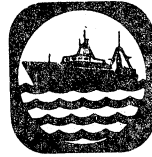


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Canadian request for action by Members to
improve enforcement operations in Division 3M

Having noted the recent Scientific Council conclusions (NAFO SCS Doc. 80/II/1) relating to the seriously depressed status of the cod stock in Division 3M (Flemish Cap), and having noted the report by the Executive Secretary on fishing activity and enforcement in 1978 as contained in ICNAF Com. Doc. 79/VI/17 which highlights the disregard of the Commission's conservation measures in some cases, Canada requests the Commission to take appropriate action to improve the effectiveness of the Scheme of Joint International Enforcement in the area as a step toward restoration of the stock.

Canada has been, and will continue to play a role in carrying out its commitment to the Scheme in Division 3M and requests other Members to participate more fully in implementing patrols and inspections of vessels of all nations operating in that Division.

To give better effect to the Scheme, Canada suggests that the Commission undertake a program toward coordination of surveillance activities to establish more extensive coverage of fishing operations through scheduling of patrols by inspection vessels of all nations. To plan a program of mutual participation, the Commission is requested to establish a working group to consider this proposal and to report back to the Commission by Friday, 7 March 1980.