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Memorandum by the USSR Delegation

On May 22, 1974, the Canadian Members of Parliament J. Lundrigan and W. Carter appealed to the member nations of the Commission through the ICNAF Secretariat by a letter, in which it was indicated that the Soviet fishing vessels have been harvesting capelin some 30 miles off Newfoundland in violation of the regulations in force adopted by ICNAF. It is particularly stated in the letter that the Soviet quota of 85,000 tons of capelin allegedly applies only to the Grand Bank non-migratory stock of that species.

The Soviet Delegation considers that as a wrong statement. It is common knowledge, that for 1974 USSR was allocated a quota of 100,000 tons of capelin in Subarea 2 and Division 3K, i.e. the waters to the north-west of Newfoundland, and besides that a quota of 85,000 tons in Divisions 3LNOPs, i.e. the waters to the south and west of Newfoundland beyond the 12-mile fishing zone. No special quota was established for the Grand Banks. The Soviet Delegation considers it necessary to:

- a) consider that matter within the framework of the Commission;
- b) instruct the ICNAF Secretariat to transmit an official explanation to the above-mentioned authors of the letter in question.

