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Canadian proposal regarding discussion of future of ICNAF

At the opening session of the June meeting of the Commission, Canada will make a statement regarding the position of the Canadian Government with respect to the future of ICNAF and, in particular, Canada's participation. It is requested that the agenda of the meeting provide for discussion of the future of the Commission, and that delegations be prepared for such discussion.

Canada believes that, regardless of forthcoming jurisdictional changes and the assumption of management authority by coastal States, there will be a continuing need for multilateral cooperation with regard to the fisheries resources of the Northwest Atlantic.

Canada places the utmost importance on providing adequate protection of the fisheries resources and meeting the needs of Canadian fishermen. The attitude of the Canadian Government regarding the form of future multilateral cooperation will depend on whether or not these objectives are achieved.

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