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Canadian Proposal for Resolution Relating
to the Implementation of Proposals
Concerning Fishing Activity for Silver Hake
in Subarea 4 of the Convention Area

The Commission

Recognizing that proposals designed to achieve the conservation and optimum utilization of stocks of silver hake in Subarea 4 of the Convention Area through the setting of a total allowable catch and national allocations and by establishing closed areas and fishing gear restrictions will be discussed at a meeting of Panel 4 later in 1976;

Taking into Account that under Article VIII of the Convention, as amended, these proposals would not enter into force until six months after the date on the notification from the Depositary Government transmitting the proposals to the Contracting Governments, which would not occur before May 1977, at the earliest;

Bearing in Mind that, in these circumstances, no Commission regulations to ensure conservation and optimum utilization of these stocks would be effective for approximately one half of 1977;

Having Considered that the purpose of the Convention is to promote the conservation and optimum utilization of the fish stocks on the basis of scientific investigation, and economic and technical considerations and that this purpose cannot be successfully achieved unless the proposals referred to above are applied throughout 1977;

(over)

Recognizing that, in order to achieve the purposes and objectives of the Convention, fishing activity in the area must be conducted in accordance with these proposals throughout 1977;

1. Invites the attention of Governments to the above matters;
2. Stipulates that the proposals referred to above should apply throughout 1977;
3. Requests delegations to draw the immediate attention of their Governments to proposals agreed by Panel 4 at its meeting later in 1976;
4. Expects Contracting Governments to notify the Executive Secretary by December 31, 1976, that, subject to a similar undertaking by all other Members of Panel 4, they will implement such proposals for the entire year 1977 and will not invoke paragraph 7(b) of Article VIII of the Convention as amended.