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Special Conference on the Future of the Commission

Press Notice

A Special Conference of the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission took place in London from 29th March - 2nd April 1977. The President, Captain J.C.E. Cardoso (Portugal), was in the Chair. Delegations attended from all Member States, namely:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Cuba, Denmark, Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom.

Observers represented:

the European Economic Community, the FAO, the ICES, the ICSEAF, the OECD, and the Governments of Canada, Japan and the United States of America.

The Conference considered further the principles involved in the revision of the NEAFC Convention in the light of the move towards extended coastal state fisheries jurisdiction.

The Conference had before it the Second Report of a Working Group which had produced a partial draft text of a new Convention. The Conference considered various aspects of a new Convention. Ad hoc sub-groups were set up on financial matters and the final clauses (procedure for finalising and acceding to, and entry into force of, a revised Convention).

It was agreed that more study should be given to these questions at the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, which it was confirmed would take place during the period 4th - 15th July 1977.

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