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Canadian request for action by the Commission, pursuant to Article XIII of the Convention,  
with respect to the operations of Non-Member Countries in the ICNAF Area  
beyond national fisheries jurisdiction

At the 1978 Annual Meeting, information was presented to the Commission with respect to the presence of vessels of non-Member Countries, namely Panama and Venezuela, fishing in the ICNAF Area beyond national fisheries jurisdiction. Details of these vessels were provided in Appendices I and II of ICNAF Com. Doc. 78/VI/15. The Commission resolved that the Chairman be instructed to inform the Governments of both countries of the Commission's objectives and regulations pertaining to the area and called upon Member States to invite the attention of the Governments of Panama and Venezuela to the importance of ensuring that fisheries in the area are conducted in conformity with the Commission's Management Regime, etc.

Surveillance observations to date in 1979 indicate that the problem continues, since vessels of Panama and Venezuela along with an additional entrant, Mexico, have operated in the area at various times during the current year. Canada again wishes to draw to the attention of Members the possible serious consequences of the continuation and possible expansion of the operations of non-Member States in the area and requests the Commission to consider appropriate measures to deal with the problem.

Such details as are available concerning the operations of the non-Member vessels are presented in Appendices I, II, and III.

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Vessels flying the Flag of Panama

Sightings by Canadian aircraft and patrol vessels

<u>Vessel name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date boarded</u>	<u>Platform</u>
PESCAMEX I ) ) pair	43°18'N ) ) 3N	27 April 1979	Algonquin
PESCAMEX II )	49°44'W )		

Source: Boarded by Canadian inspector 27 April 1979.

During the boarding, it was learned that this pair had been fishing on Flemish Cap and Tail of the Grand Bank from 2 February 1979 to the date of boarding, 27 April. The catch of the pair was estimated at 1,000 tons round weight. The inspector was informed that the catch was to be landed in Spain or Portugal.

NOTE: The same two vessels were fishing in ICNAF waters in 1978 and were reported in Appendix II of ICNAF Com. Doc. 78/VI/15.

Lloyd's Register Data:

PESCAMEX I

LR NUMBER: 6903826  
NAV. AIDS: RADAR & RT  
FORMER NAME: MARTIN SAMIENTO - 71  
OWNER: CIA, INTERNACIONAL DE PESCA S.A.  
PORT OF REGISTRY: PANAMA  
GROSS TONS: 666  
NET TONS: 338  
DATE BUILT: 1969  
LENGTH OVERALL: 54.49 m  
LENGTH B.P.: 47.68 m  
SUPERSTRUCTURE: 2 Decks  
BREATH EXTREME: 10.42 m  
BREATH MOULDED: 10.39 m  
DRAUGHT MAXIMUM: 4.750 m  
DEPTH MOULDED: 7.17 m  
TYPE: M. FISHING, SIDE TRAWLER  
NO. & TYPE OF ENGINES: OIL 4SA 6CY. 390 x 680  
POWER: 1 156 KW (1-550 BHP)  
ENGINE BUILDERS: NAVAL STORK WERKSPoor  
DESIGN: CDZ  
SPEED: 15.5 knots

PESCAMEX II

LR NUMBER: 6903577  
NAV. AIDS: RADAR & RT  
FORMER NAME: BENITO J FELJOO - 71  
OWNER: CIA, INTERNACIONAL DE PESCA S.A.  
PORT OF REGISTRY: PANAMA

(all other information same as PESCAMEX I)

Vessels flying the Flag of Venezuela

Sightings by Canadian aircraft and patrol vessels

<u>Vessel name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date sighted</u>	<u>Platform</u>	<u>Activity</u>
SIERRA LOPEZ )	46°58'N )	24 May 1979	Aircraft	Fishing
)	) 3M			
SIERRA PAZ )	45°46'W )			

Lloyd's Register Data:

SIERRA LOPEZ:

LR NUMBER: 6801535  
 FLAG: SPAIN  
 OWNER: RAMONA PAZ PONTE VIGO, SPAIN  
 PORT OF REGISTRY: VIGO  
 GROSS TONS: 639  
 DATE BUILT: 1968  
 LENGTH OVERALL: 53.85 m  
 BREADTH: 10.55 m  
 DRAUGHT: 5.093 m  
 TYPE: FISHING, STERN TRAWLER  
 POWER: 1550 BHP

SIERRA PAZ:

LR NUMBER: 6801547  
 (all other information same as SIERRA LOPEZ)

Information on two additional vessels

Canadian Inspectors have obtained information that two other vessels of Venezuelan registry have been fishing on the Flemish Cap in Division 3M during 5-8 May 1979. The vessels (*Bacanova* and *Pesca Gel*) were pair-trawling and were forced to discontinue operations due to generator trouble on *Bacanova*. The two vessels proceeded to St. Pierre for repairs. The *Bacanova* later proceeded to St. John's, Newfoundland (arriving 31 May), to have repairs completed while *Pesca Gel* remained in St. Pierre. The Inspector was informed that the two vessels planned to fish on Flemish Cap and Tail of Grand Bank for the next 4-5 months. The Inspector observed that the *Bacanova* had 0.72 metric tons of salted cod on board and was informed that the *Pesca Gel* had about one metric ton on board. The carrying capacity of each vessel was reported to the Inspector at 225 metric tons of salted cod. Both ships have Korean crews, who indicated that this was their first experience fishing in the North Atlantic.

Vessel Particulars

Name: *Bacanova*  
 Flag: Venezuela  
 Port of Registry: Puerta Sucre  
 Type: Stern Trawler (pair fishing)  
 Length: 46 m  
 Tonnage: 555 GRT  
 Crew: 26  
 Owner: Eveba Co., Caracas, Venezuela  
 Captain: Daz Fik Jang

Vessel flying the Flag of Mexico

Sightings by Canadian aircraft and patrol vessels

<u>Vessel name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date boarded</u>
NUEVO MUNDO	In port at St. John's, Nfld.	15 April 1979

Vessel had spent seven days fishing on Flemish Cap in early April and entered St. John's for repairs to refrigeration on 15 April. One ton of cod had been taken up to that date, but there was no log entry for this catch. Vessel had earlier been fishing squid in US waters and was bound for Spain to discharge her cargo.

Lloyd's Register Data:

OWNER: PESQUERA INDUSTRIAL  
GALLEGA, SA.  
VIGO, SPAIN  
PORT OF REGISTRY: GIJON  
FLAG: SPAIN  
PLACE BUILT: GIJON  
DATE BUILT: 1966  
CALL SIGN: EFHO  
TYPE: FISHING, STERN TRAWLER  
GROSS TONS: 830  
LENGTH OVERALL: 52.99 m  
BREADTH: 9.5 m  
DRAUGHT: 4.293 m  
POWER: 1400 BHP  
SPEED: 14 knots