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Canadian proposal for a resolution relating to
vessels of non-Member Countries operating in the ICNAF Area

The Commission,

Noting that, in 1978 and 1979, vessels flying the flags of Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico have fished in the Convention Area outside national fisheries jurisdiction,

Noting that Panama, Venezuela, and Mexico are not Members of ICNAF or NAFO, and that the vessels in question have operated outside the conservation regime established by ICNAF,

Noting that the fish stocks of the ICNAF Convention Area are, at present, being fully utilized by Members of ICNAF and NAFO,

Noting, in consequence, that fishing by states which are not Members of ICNAF represents a serious threat to conservation in the ICNAF Convention Area,

Noting that the vessels in question have links with Members of ICNAF or NAFO and, in particular, that at least some of these vessels are owned either wholly or in part by fishing interests in Member Countries, and that at least some of the catch of these vessels is landed in Member Countries,

- Resolves
- (1) that all Members of ICNAF be called upon to take all practicable steps to prevent arrangements between their nationals and vessels flying the flags of non-Member States where such arrangements involve fishing by such vessels in the ICNAF Convention Area, and
 - (2) that Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela be informed by the Chairman of the Commission of the difficulties created by fishing vessels flying their flags with regard to the conservation of the stocks of the Convention Area.

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