

CONTINUING COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

ON THE CONSTITUTION

NOVA SCOTIA'S POSITION

ON

OFFSHORE RESOURCES

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OFFSHORE MINERAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE DEALT WITH
IN SUCH A MANNER THAT BENEFITS ACCRUE TO THE PROVINCE AS
THEY WOULD IF THESE RESOURCES WERE ONSHORE.

PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE CONTROVERSIAL
RESPONSIBILITIES IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT DELAYS IN
PETROLEUM EXPLORATION OFF NOVA SCOTIA. THIS CAN BE
ACHIEVED VERY SIMPLY, BY THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA EITHER
ACKNOWLEDGING NOVA SCOTIA'S HISTORICAL AND JURISDICTIONAL
CLAIM TO THE OFFSHORE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, EXTENDING THE
BOUNDARIES OF NOVA SCOTIA SEAWARD CO-EXTENSIVE WITH THE
BOUNDARIES OF CANADA' AND BY CONFERRING ON NOVA SCOTIA
THE BENEFIT OF ALL RIGHTS OF EXPLOITATION TO THE LIMITS
OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL
AGREEMENT.