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EC ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENERGY SECTOR REVIEWED

Mr. Christopher Audland, Director General for Energy of the Commission of the European Community addressed the opening session of the 25th Anniversary Conference of the Canadian Nuclear Association today in Ottawa.

Mr. Audland reviewed the important achievements made over the past decade in the European Community's energy situation. Notably, dependence on oil in the energy demand mix has been cut from 62% in 1973 to 48% in 1984, while overall energy efficiency had improved by 20% during the same period. In outlining the Commission's recent proposals on energy policy objectives for 1995, Mr. Audland noted that energy efficiency was targetted to improve by a further 25% and that the share of nuclear-generated electricity production would reach 40%.

The address demonstrated the very major contribution nuclear power already makes to EC energy supplies. In 1983, nuclear power represented 22.4% of the total electricity generated in the 10 Member States of the EC. (The comparable Canadian figure was 11.2%.)

By the turn of the century, about 50% of electricity production in the Community could be of nuclear origin. In commenting on this anticipated increase, Mr. Audland noted that the European nuclear industry, in the forefront of technological development, is well equipped to meet the challenges to come.

On the subject of nuclear supplies, Mr. Audland welcomed the decision to sign, later this month in Brussels, an extension of the EURATOM/CANADA Nuclear Cooperation Agreement and he looked forward with confidence to many years of growing cooperation between the Community and Canada in this sector.

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