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EURATOM/CANADA NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Willy DeClercq, European Community (EC) Commissioner responsible for External Relations, and Mr. Jacques Gignac, Canadian Ambassador to the European Community, signed today in Brussels an agreement to extend the Euratom/Canada Nuclear Cooperation Agreement for a period of twenty years. In this agreement improvements and certain additions were introduced, concerning particularly the transfer of nuclear material of Canadian origin, such as uranium, from the EC to third countries. On this occasion, the Canadian Government also gave formal political assurances regarding the supply of uranium in the future.

Canada, which is one of the principal suppliers of uranium to the European Community, concluded in 1959 with Euratom (European Atomic Energy Community) a cooperation agreement covering peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Cooperation under the agreement includes research into safe and effective means to dispose of radio-active wastes.

On the initiative of the Canadian Government, provisions of the agreement which deal more specifically with nuclear safeguards have twice been amended and updated in 1978 and 1981. While the new agreement is effective for a period of 20 years, it may ultimately be extended.

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