

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA of the one part, hereinafter referred to as "Canada", and the European Atomic Energy Community, hereinafter referred to as "the Community", of the other part both, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

CONSIDERING the importance of science and technology for their economic and social development;

RECOGNIZING that Canada and the Community are pursuing research and technological programmes of common interest in a number of areas of nuclear research and that mutual benefits may be derived if the Parties facilitate further cooperation;

RECOGNIZING that the Agreement for Scientific and Technological Cooperation between Canada and the European Community entered into force on 26 February 1996;

NOTING that there has been active cooperation and information exchange in a number of scientific or technological areas under the Canada-European Communities Framework Agreement for Commercial and Economic Cooperation signed in 1976;

NOTING that there has also been active cooperation and information exchange in the area of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy under the Agreement between the Government of Canada and EURATOM for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy signed in 1959, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "Canada/EURATOM Agreement of 1959";