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The Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada

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Your Excellency,

I have the honour of referring to the Agreement between the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of Canada for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, done on November 20, 1989 (hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement").

I have the further honour of calling your attention specifically to Article VII of the Agreement concerning the obligations of each of the Parties to ensure that nuclear material, non-nuclear material, equipment and technology, subject to the Agreement, shall not be used to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, or for any military purpose.

In accordance with paragraph 2 Article VII of the Agreement, in the event that uranium depleted in the isotope 235 (hereinafter referred to as "depleted uranium"), to which the Agreement applies, does not and will not fall within the scope of the Agreement between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the International Atomic Energy Agency for the Application of Safeguards in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, done on February 21, 1985, and where such depleted uranium remains in the Russian Federation under conditions differing from those indicated in the Exchange of Notes between the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Government of Canada constituting an Agreement on Nuclear Cooperation involving the enrichment of uranium obligated to Canada in enrichment facilities of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics, done on November 20, 1989, I have the honour to propose that:

The Honourable Maxime Bernier Minister of Foreign Affairs Canada Ottawa