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It was announced today by the Office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, that S. Osman Ali; Secretary to the Government of Pakistan and J.D.M. Weld, Acting Canadian High Commissioner, on December 24, 1965, signed in Karachi an important agreement between Canada and Pakistan relating to the construction of a nuclear power station at Karachi. This project is an outstanding example of the growing co-operation between Pakistan and Canada since 1950 in programmes related to the economic development of Pakistan.

This agreement was agreed in principle by the representative of the two Governments in February of this year. During the following months the Canadian General Electric Company negotiated a "turn-key" contract with the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission for the construction of a 137,000 kilowatt nuclear power station based upon Canadian designs utilizing a natural uranium reactor moderated and cooled by heavy water. Negotiations have also been completed with the Pakistani authorities for supplementary agreements covering the financial arrangements which will very shortly be signed in Ottawa on behalf of the External Aid Office and the Export Credits Insurance Corporation. The total costs for Canadian goods and services will amount to