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CANADA CONGRATULATES ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA ON SIGNING THE NPT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, today extended congratulations to the governments of the Republic of Zambia and the United Republic of Tanzania, which have just signed and deposited instruments of accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT).

"We are very encouraged by this recent development, which will add significantly to the peace and security of Southern Africa. We are confident that neighbouring countries which have not yet signed the NPT will now do so at an early date," stated Mrs. McDougall.

Canada has consistently supported the NPT and firmly believes that it will continue to be very instrumental in preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, while allowing access to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes.

There are now over 140 countries that have signed the NPT. Mrs. McDougall welcomed the moves of Zambia and Tanzania as a further step in support of global nuclear non-proliferation.

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