



PRESS RELEASE

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I refer to the agreement between the Government of Canada and the United States of America and the Department of External Affairs for co-operation on the field of Atomic Energy for mutual defence purposes which was signed at Washington, D.C., on May 22, 1959. Article VII of the agreement provides that the agreement shall enter into force on the day when the Secretary of State for External Affairs, THE HONOURABLE HOWARD GREEN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR CO-OPERATION ON THE USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR MUTUAL DEFENCE PURPOSES WAS BROUGHT INTO EFFECT TODAY, JULY 27. THE TEXTS OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BRINGING THE AGREEMENT INTO EFFECT WERE MADE PUBLIC AT THE TIME OF MR. GREENS ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON MAY 22, AND WAS TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON MAY 25. THE DELAY BETWEEN SIGNATURE AND THE BRINGING INTO EFFECT OF THE AGREEMENT RESULTS FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY ACT THAT THERE BE A WAITING PERIOD OF SIXTY DAYS BEFORE SUCH AGREEMENTS ARE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT.

THE AGREEMENT WILL CONTINUE AND EXTEND THE HARMONIOUS CO-OPERATION IN THE ATOMIC ENERGY FIELD WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR MANY YEARS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

(EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF JULY 27, 1959, ATTACHED)