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CANADIAN-GERMAN SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, today announced the signing of an inter-governmental agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada on the use of the facilities of the Churchill Research Range at Churchill, Manitoba, for scientific research. The agreement was signed on behalf of Germany by the Ambassador of Germany, Dr. Joachim Friedrich Ritter and by Mr. Sharp for Canada. It provides for the continuation of previous cooperation between Canada and Germany in the use of the Churchill Research Range for peaceful purposes through the firing of high altitude scientific sounding rockets. The National Research Council of Canada will provide technical support for the German scientists engaged in the programme.

The signing ceremony was also attended by Dr. Ernest-Günther Koch, Counsellor from the German Embassy and Dr. R. S. Rettie, Chief, Space Research Facilities Branch, representing the National Research Council.