EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY (EURATOM) CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY

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The Member of the Commission of the European Communities to the Ambassador, Mission of Canada to the European Communities

Brussels, June 21, 1985

Your Excellency,

I refer to the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (EU-RATOM) and the Government of Canada for Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, signed on 6 October 1959⁽¹⁾ and subsequently amended by the exchange of letters of 16 January 1978⁽²⁾ and 18 December 1981,⁽³⁾ hereinafter referred to as the "Agreement".

The nuclear relationship between EURATOM and Canada has grown significantly and undergone transformation since 1959. There is therefore some importance in updating the Agreement so that it should provide a more stable, predictable and administratively effective legal framework for the expanded relationship between the Contracting Parties.

To this end, I have the honour to propose that the Agreement be updated and completed as follows:

1. Pursuant to Article XV.2 of the Agreement, after the initial period of ten years, which expired on 17 November 1969, either Contracting Party can terminate the Agreement at any time, subject to six months' notice. The Contracting Parties hereby agree that the Agreement shall remain in force for a further period of twenty years from today's date. If neither Contracting Party has notified the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement at least six months prior to expiry of that period, the Agreement shall continue in force for additional periods of five years each unless, at least six months before the expiration of any such additional period, a Contracting Party notifies the other Contracting Party of its intention to terminate the Agreement.

⁽¹⁾ Treaty Series 1959 No. 22.

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series 1978 No. 26.

⁽³⁾ Treaty Series 1981 No. 28.