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Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the history of cooperation between the Republic of Korea and Canada for the development and application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and to the common desire of Canada and the Republic of Korea to pursue cooperation with respect to the transfer of tritium items for the Wolsong Tritium Removal Facility.

This relates to a decision by the Republic of Korea to construct a tritium removal facility on the Wolsong site to extract tritium which builds up in the heavy water moderator and coolant in the Wolsong CANDU nuclear power reactors and Canada's desire to cooperate with the Republic of Korea in that project.

Tritium items do not come within the purview of the Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Korea for Cooperation in the Development and Application of Atomic Energy for Peaceful Purposes (NCA), signed on 26 January 1976. This Note sets out the basis of an Agreement for the application of nuclear non-proliferation assurances to "tritium", "tritium facilities or plants and equipment therefor" and "tritium information" transferred from Canada to Korea; any replicas of "tritium facilities or plants and equipment therefor"; "tritium facilities or plants and equipment therefor" which our Governments agree have been constructed on the basis of "tritium information" supplied subject to this Note; tritium processed or extracted with such "tritium facilities or plants and equipment therefor"; and heavy water not already subject to the Canada-Korea NCA which is processed with "tritium facilities or plants and equipment therefor" subject to this Note.

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