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*The Commissioner of the European Communities to the  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Canada*

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Mr. Chargé d'Affaires,

I refer to the agreement between us of 16 January 1978 and have the honour to state that during the Council consideration of that agreement the following interpretation was given by the Council concerning the effect of the agreement in relation to the period after the interim period:

"In approving the exchange of letters between Canada and Euratom, the Council recognizes that the conditions under which:

- material covered by the Canada/Euratom agreement shall be enriched beyond 20 percent or reprocessed,
- and those under which uranium enriched beyond 20% and plutonium shall be stored

have been covered by an agreement for an interim period.

For materials supplied after the end of the interim period, an agreement on the regime governing these sensitive operations remains to be concluded. The Council, therefore, recognizes that, for these materials, the parties have not accepted any obligation, either as to the supply of the materials or as to the fact that the regime to be negotiated, and which would govern the sensitive operations, would include any conditions, nor, a fortiori, as to the nature of any such conditions".

I would be obliged if you would confirm that this interpretation is shared by the Canadian authorities.

Please accept, Mr. Chargé d'Affaires, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Commissioner

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