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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA AND SWITZERLAND FOR COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY WAS SIGNED IN OTTAWA ON MARCH 6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MR. SYDNEY SMITH, SIGNED FOR CANADA AND THE SWISS AMBASSADOR, DR. VICTOR NEF, FOR SWITZERLAND. THE AGREEMENT IS TO BE RATIFIED AND WILL COME INTO FORCE UPON THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION.

THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR COOPERATION IN A VARIETY OF FORMS INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, THE SUPPLY OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, AND ACCESS TO AND USE OF FACILITIES. IN PARTICULAR, THE AGREEMENT WILL PERMIT ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM FROM CANADA TO SWITZERLAND.

THIS AGREEMENT IS SIMILAR TO THAT CONCLUDED WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY LAST DECEMBER. SUCH AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION ON A BILATERAL BASIS ARE CONSISTENT WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AND SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, TO WHICH BOTH CANADA AND SWITZERLAND BELONG.

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