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CANADA-ITALY NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that Canada and Italy exchanged Notes on November 18 concerning respective undertakings for transfers of nuclear technology from Canada to Italy. This interim arrangement, which was signed in Ottawa by the Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Ambassador of Italy to Canada, His Excellency Giorgio Smoquina, is intended to cover transfers of information from AECL to PMN/NIRA, to allow the latter to submit a bid in Italy on the basis of CANDU technology. The arrangement, therefore, makes it possible to carry out the first phase of nuclear cooperation between Canada and Italy provided for in the contract signed by AECL and PMN in November 1976.

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