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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the participation of Switzerland in the fusion research programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom).

Canada has declared its readiness to supply quantities of tritium and tritium-related equipment (hereinafter referred to as "tritium items") for the Euratom Fusion Programme (hereinafter referred to as "the Fusion Programme"). In this regard, Canada and Euratom concluded an Exchange of Letters on 15 July 1991 (hereinafter referred to as the "July 1991 Exchange of Letters") concerning the non-proliferation assurances to be applied to tritium items transferred from Canada to Euratom for use in the Fusion Programme, and amending the Canada-Euratom Agreement of October 6, 1959 concerning the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

In order to facilitate the transfer of tritium items from Canada to Switzerland, either directly or indirectly, for use in the Fusion Programme in a manner consistent with the arrangements agreed to with Euratom pursuant to the July 1991 Exchange of Letters, Canada is willing to approve such transfers to Switzerland provided that the Swiss Federal Council can provide to the Government of Canada the appropriate non-proliferation assurances.

Accordingly, the Swiss Federal Council shall provide to the Government of Canada assurances that tritium items transferred from Canada to Switzerland, either directly or indirectly, for use in the Fusion Programme:

- a) shall not be used for any nuclear explosive purpose;