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CONTROL OF TRANSFER OF MISSILE TECHNOLOGY

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that the Government of Canada, in cooperation with the Governments of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, has agreed to guidelines to control the export of missile equipment and technology which could make a contribution to a missile system capable of delivering nuclear weapons. The guidelines formulated for missile technology control will standardize the export control policies of the subscribing countries. It will also serve to complement and strengthen Canada's commitment to the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The Minister noted that Canada's agreement to adhere to the guidelines for the export of missiles and technology followed careful consideration of the implications of the guidelines for Canada's international treaty obligations. Mr. Clark pointed out that it was the continuing aim of the seven subscribing governments to encourage international cooperation in the peaceful use of modern technology and the guidelines are not intended to impede this objective. However, such cooperation must be carried out in ways which are consistent with the aims of the Government's non-proliferation policies.

Mr. Clark, in making the announcement, welcomed the adherence of all states to the missile technology control guidelines in the interest of international peace and stability.