

**EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
RELATING TO THE AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION CONCERN-  
ING THE CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY SIGNED ON JUNE 15, 1955,  
AS AMENDED**

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*The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Secretary of State for External  
Affairs for Canada*

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Sir:

I refer the Minister of External Affairs to the Agreement for Cooperation Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic Energy between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada, signed on June 15, 1955, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the 1955 Cooperation Agreement<sup>(1)</sup>.

I wish to acknowledge Canada's leadership role in the field of preventing nuclear proliferation. Both Canada and the United States are parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons. Both countries have committed themselves to ensure that any source materials, special nuclear materials, equipment or heavy water transferred pursuant to the 1955 Cooperation Agreement, including all materials transferred pursuant to the Agreement embodied in the Exchange of Notes which entered into force on March 25, 1976, and including such items subsequently retransferred pursuant to agreements for cooperation between the United States and other nations, and any special nuclear materials produced therefrom, including subsequent generations derived from the above-mentioned special nuclear materials shall not be used for research on or development of any nuclear explosive device or for any other military purpose. They have also committed themselves to ensure that such materials and equipment are subject to the application of IAEA safeguards. While such materials and equipment are within the United States, the United States intends to implement this commitment pursuant to an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency for the application of safeguards in the United States. Further, both have committed themselves to ensure that adequate physical protection is applied to all such materials or equipment, taking into account the measures set forth in INFCIRC/225 (Revised). These are enduring commitments.

The United States is prepared to begin renegotiation of the 1955 Cooperation Agreement with Canada immediately, with a view to prompt conclusion of a new

<sup>(1)</sup> Treaty Series No. 1955/15