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SIGNATURE OF CANADA-PHILIPPINES NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan and the Foreign Minister of the Philippines, Dr. Carlos P. Romulo, today signed an Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines Concerning the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Material, Equipment, Facilities and Information Transferred Between Canada and the Republic of the Philippines.

The Agreement is a positive indication of the importance both countries attach to co-operation in this critical area and opens the way for sales of Canadian uranium and the transfer of Canadian nuclear technology and CANDU reactors to the Philippines.

The Agreement fully meets the requirements of Canadian non-proliferation and safeguards policy. The Philippines is a State Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and has concluded an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) bringing all its nuclear activities under safeguards.

Canada has concluded similar agreements with several other countries (Sweden, Romania, Finland, Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, the USA) and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) representing ten additional countries.