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The Commissioner of the European Communities to the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Canada

Brussels, January 16, 1978

Mr. Chargé d'Affaires,

I refer to the exchange of letters between us of 16 January 1978 regarding nuclear safeguards, and have the honour to state further as follows, for the information of the Canadian authorities:

During the Council consideration of the above mentioned exchange of letters, the Council took note of the "Declaration on transfer of technology" made by the nine Member States and the Community and approved it insofar as it concerns the Community. The text of this declaration is annexed to the present letter (Annex I).

The Council further agreed to the following declarations:

- 1) "Both sides agreed to ask the Joint Technical Working Group to look into the question of information on reprocessing of Canadian material transferred to Euratom prior to December 20, 1974".
- 2) "Neither party will invoke any rights under an agreement entered into with a third State to impair any rights or obligations under this agreement as amended".

The technical note on the prorata principle and the interpretation with respect to double labelling, agreed upon during the negotiations, was also approved by the Council and inserted in the minutes of the meeting. The text of this technical note is annexed to the present letter (Annex II).

Lastly, the Council took note of the "Note on physical protection" to be sent by the Member States to the Canadian Ambassadors. The text of this note is annexed to this letter (Annex III).

Please accept, Mr. Chargé d'Affaires, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Guido Brunner Commissioner

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