

other conventional energy resources and have built up the national power grids necessary for large present reactors. While research into conservation and renewable energy technologies should be intensified, energy planning in Canada and elsewhere must look to energy resources presently available.

While the Canadian Government recognizes the legitimate energy requirements of its trading partners, it is determined to do everything within its power to avoid contributing to nuclear weapons proliferation. It is for this reason that the Government of Canada has unilaterally decided to strengthen further Canada's safeguards requirements. As in the past we are prepared to accept the commercial consequences of being clearly ahead of other suppliers. This is the price we are prepared to pay to curb the threat to mankind of nuclear proliferation.

We recognize that for this policy to be fully effective, we must persuade other nuclear suppliers to adopt similar export policies. In discussions amongst suppliers, we have urged that a collective decision be taken to restrict their nuclear exports to non-nuclear weapon states to those which have ratified the Non-Proliferation Treaty or otherwise accept full-scope safeguards. We regret that to date it has not been possible to reach a collective decision to this effect. Canada, however, is determined to assume responsibility where it has the power to act, that is, with regard to Canada's own exports of nuclear equipment, technology and uranium. We are charting a course which we hope will serve as a compelling example for other nuclear suppliers.