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ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND PAKISTAN

ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PAKISTAN IN CANADA AND THE RIGHT HONOURABLE JOHN G. DIEFENBAKER, PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, SIGNED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN CANADA AND PAKISTAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAMMES. THE AGREEMENT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION, THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND THE SUPPLY OF URANIUM.

LIKE OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN THIS FIELD TO WHICH CANADA IS A PARTY, THIS AGREEMENT COVERS ONLY THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ITS PROVISIONS REFLECT THE MUTUAL CONCERN OF CANADA AND PAKISTAN TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION AND MATERIALS EXCHANGED WILL SERVE TO HARNESS THE RESOURCES OF THE ATOM FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MORE GENERALLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLES OF CANADA AND PAKISTAN.