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## CANADA/SWEDEN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, and the Swedish Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Kaj Björk, today signed an Exchange of Notes supplementing the 1977 Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Sweden concerning the Uses of Nuclear Material, Equipment, Facilities and Information.

The Exchange of Notes, which incorporates a generic approach to reprocessing, represents an important advance in the application of Canadian non-proliferation and safeguards policy and will: 1) provide Canada with the non-proliferation assurances it requires for the reprocessing and high enrichment of Canadian nuclear material exported to Sweden; 2) give Sweden the long term predictability it needs for using that material in its nuclear energy programme; and 3) further, together with a similar agreement concluded with Euratom and others under negotiation, the evolution of the effective non-proliferation framework that is a major objective of Canadian policy.

Canada and Sweden are partners in nuclear trade with a close identity of views on non-proliferation and safeguards matters. This Exchange of Notes underlines the importance both countries attach to nuclear power and to continued co-operation in this critical area.