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CANADA AND INDONESIA SIGN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, and the Indonesian Minister of Mining and Energy, Dr. Subroto, today signed an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning the Peaceful Use of Nuclear Energy.

The Agreement is a positive indication of the importance both countries attach to cooperation in this area and opens the way for sales of Canadian uranium and the transfer of Canadian nuclear technology, including CANDU reactors, to Indonesia. Indonesia is now in the process of developing a nuclear energy programme.

The Agreement fully meets the requirements of Canadian non-proliferation policy. Indonesia 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 of its nuclear activities under safeguards.

Canada has concluded nuclear cooperation agreements with a number of countries, including Australia, Japan, Romania, Finland, Sweden, Republic of Korea, USA and the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). During the past months, similar agreements have been negotiated with the Philippines, Mexico and Egypt.