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Exchange of Letters between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Government of Canada amending the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Government of Canada for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy of 6 October 1959

Your Excellency,

I refer to the history of cooperation between Euratom and Canada in the peaceful use of atomic energy and in the field of fusion research and development and to the common desire of Euratom and Canada to pursue their cooperation in these domains.

In the development of this cooperation, I note the importance of the Agreement between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Government of Canada for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy, signed on 6 October 1959 and subsequently amended by exchanges of letters of 16 January 1978, 18 December 1981 and 21 June 1985 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement") and the Memorandum of Understanding between the European Atomic Energy Community represented by the Commission of the European Communities and the Government of Canada concerning cooperation in the field of fusion research and development, concluded on 6 March 1986.

Euratom requires substantial quantities of tritium for the implementation of the Euratom programme of research and training in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion. I note that Canada has declared its readiness to supply tritium and tritium-related equipment for this purpose subject to appropriate non-proliferation assurances.

At present, tritium and tritium-related equipment do not come within the purview of the Agreement. The Agreement can provide the basis for the application of non-proliferation assurances to tritium and tritium-related equipment transferred from Canada to Euratom for use in the Fusion Programme, and to tritium produced or processed with such equipment.

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