

Decision of 25 July 1988 adopting a multi-annual research and training programme in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion" (88/488/EURATOM, (OJEC No L 222, 12.8.1988, p.6)) and, for the purpose of greater certainty, includes Switzerland's participation in the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER).

(ii) "Tritium-related equipment" means equipment especially designed or prepared for the production, recovery, extraction, concentration or handling of tritium and its compounds and mixtures.

(iii) "Tritium" refers to compounds and mixtures that contain tritium in which the ratio of tritium to hydrogen by atoms is greater than 1 part per 1000, and includes tritium supplied by Canada and tritium produced or processed with tritium-related equipment supplied by Canada.

I have the honour to propose that if the foregoing is acceptable to the Swiss Federal Council, this letter, which is authentic in English and French, together with Your Excellency's reply, shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Swiss Federal Council covering the supply of Canadian tritium items to Switzerland in the context of the Euratom Fusion Programme. The agreement shall enter into force as of the date of Your Excellency's reply to this letter, and remain in force for a period of thirty (30) years, and thereafter until six (6) months after notice of termination has been given by either Party to the other unless such notice has been given six (6) months prior to the expiry of the said period of thirty (30) years. Notwithstanding termination of this agreement, the obligations contained in paragraphs 4 and 6 shall remain in force until otherwise agreed by the Parties.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Government of Canada
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