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CANADA-TURKEY NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced the signing today in Ankara of an Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. The Canadian Ambassador to Turkey, Gilles Mathieu signed the Agreement on behalf of Canada and the Turkish Foreign Minister, Vahit Halefoglou signed on behalf of Turkey.

The Agreement provides the framework for the development of cooperation between the two countries for the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. It envisages cooperation in such areas as the supply of CANDU reactors to Turkey, the supply, exploration and development of uranium, the implementation of joint nuclear research projects and the application of nuclear energy for use in such fields as agriculture, industry and medicine. The Agreement also facilitates exchanges of experts, technicians and specialists related to the development of nuclear energy, as well as the provision of technical training.

Canada and Turkey are committed to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and have demonstrated that commitment by ratifying the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and placing all their nuclear facilities, current and future, under international safeguards applied by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Agreement recognizes this important mutual commitment and carries a provision for the continuing application of safeguards in the

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event that the Agency is no longer able to carry out its safeguarding functions.

The two Governments view this Agreement as an important element in the strengthening of the bilateral relationships and as an expression of their mutual interest in economic and social development.

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