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CANADA-ROMANIA NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announces the signing of a nuclear cooperation agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania. The agreement, which was signed today in Ottawa by Mr. Jamieson and by the Ambassador of Romania to Canada, His Excellency Barbu Popescu, will permit nuclear cooperation and trade between the two countries.

The agreement contains binding assurances that any nuclear material, equipment and technology transferred subject to the agreement may only be used for peaceful, non-explosive purposes. The safeguards commitments in the agreement, including the application of the verification and inspection system of the International Atomic Energy Agency, represent juridical undertakings of a high order which fully meet international standards and Canadian safeguards policy.

The agreement provides that any future exports of nuclear material, equipment and technology shall only be authorized on the basis of the undertaking between the two governments that:

- (1) the items which may be supplied or items produced with these, including subsequent generations of nuclear material, will not be used to produce nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
- (2) the retransfer of items will only be permitted with the prior consent of both parties;
- (3) the enrichment and reprocessing of any nuclear material supplied, or nuclear material produced with items supplied, will only be done with the prior consent of both parties;

- (4) adequate measures for the physical security of materials will be taken to protect the supplied items from the threat of diversion;
- (5) the IAEA safeguards system and, for aspects of guarantees where the IAEA system is not applicable, other mechanisms of bilateral verification will be applied to ensure compliance with the agreement, for the useful life of all items subject to the agreement.