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**SIGNATURE OF A NUCLEAR CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
 BETWEEN CANADA AND SWEDEN**

The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announces the signature today in New York of a nuclear co-operation agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Sweden.

The agreement, which was signed at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations by Mr. Jamieson, on behalf of the Government of Canada, and by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Karin Söder, on behalf of the Government of Sweden, will permit nuclear co-operation and trade between the two countries. The safeguards commitments in the agreement, including the application of the inspection system of the International Atomic Energy Agency, represent juridical undertakings of a high order which fully meet international standards and Canadian and Swedish safeguards policy.

The agreement provides that identified nuclear exports, including nuclear technology in physical form, shall only be authorized on the basis of an understanding between the two governments that:

- (1) the items supplied or items produced with these, including subsequent generations, will not be diverted to any non-peaceful or explosive purpose,
- (2) the retransfer of items supplied and items produced with these including subsequent generations of nuclear material only be done with the consent of the parties,

- (3) the enrichment and reprocessing of nuclear material supplied, or nuclear material produced with items supplied, only be done with the consent of the parties,
- (4) these undertakings are verified primarily through the inspection mechanisms of the International Atomic Energy Agency,
- (5) IAEA safeguards and other mechanisms of bilateral verification for aspects of guarantees where the IAEA system is not applicable, be in place for the life of the supplied item or for items subject to these guarantees, produced from these items, and
- (6) adequate guidelines providing for the physical security of materials be in place to protect the supplied items from threat of diversion.