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CONCLUSION OF A NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND JAPAN



The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announces the successful conclusion of the negotiation of a nuclear cooperation agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Japan. The Protocol which amends the existing Agreement between Canada and Japan for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy of July 2, 1959, was initialled in Tokyo by the Negotiators in the presence of Japanese Foreign Minister Sonoda and Mr. Jamieson.

The principal features of the Agreement as amended are as follows:

- (1) Material subject to the Agreement as amended may not be used for the manufacture of any nuclear weapon or for the furtherance of any other military purpose, or for the manufacture of any other nuclear explosive device.
- (2) This undertaking and other provisions of the Agreement will be verified in Canada by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and in Japan by the Government of Japan and the IAEA.
- (3) The safeguards provided for in the Agreement will cover:
 - (a) all equipment and materials obtained pursuant to the Agreement for the life of these items;

- (b) all nuclear material (uranium, thorium, plutonium and heavy water) derived from items; and
 - (c) all technology obtained pursuant to the Agreement including information relating to enrichment, reprocessing and heavy water production and information relating to CANDU reactors.
- (4) Nuclear material subject to the Agreement shall not be enriched beyond 20 percent, reprocessed and plutonium and highly enriched uranium shall not be stored without the prior written consent of the supplying country.
 - (5) Items supplied under the Agreement shall not be transferred beyond Japan or Canada without the prior consent of the other country.
 - (6) Appropriate measures of physical protection will be applied to ensure against diversion of nuclear material.
 - (7) Provisions for fallback safeguards are agreed upon by the two countries in case IAEA safeguards are not being applied.

Japan is notifying the USA so that material of Canadian origin enriched in the USA can be tracked in such a way as to resolve certain administrative problems resulting from the accumulation of controls.

At the time of initialling, Mr. Jamieson announced the immediate resumption of uranium shipments to Japan.