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EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY TO SIGN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6 -- An agreement for cooperation in the nuclear energy field between the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) and the Government of Brazil will be signed at Brasilia June 9, marking the first European Community agreement with a Latin American country. Euratom has previously concluded similar pacts with the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

Under the agreement, the six-nation atomic community and Brazil will pledge mutual aid in the development and use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. The pact provides for cooperation in: the exchange of information on research and development, health protection, installations and equipment and the use of ores, source materials, special fissile materials, irradiated fuels and radioisotopes; the granting of licenses for patents; the exchange of students, technicians and teachers; the improvement of ore-prospecting techniques; the construction of installations and equipment; the supply of ores, source materials, special fissile materials and radioisotopes; the processing of ores and source materials and the chemical treatment of fuels.

Commission members Heinz L. Krekeler and Emanuel M. J. A. Sassen will represent Euratom in the signing of the agreement at Brasilia.