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### EC URGES CANADA TO RETHINK URANIUM BAN

Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner hopes Canada will reconsider its embargo on uranium supplies to the European Community while negotiations continue. Such a gesture will facilitate the EC-Canada talks, he said.

Mr. Brunner told a press conference in Brussels on June 13 that the EC is studying new Canadian proposals and will reply in due course. The embargo is causing damage to investors, firms and reactors, he said. While there is no immediate supply crisis, reconsideration of the embargo will be a token of goodwill, Mr. Brunner believes, and will counter rumours, such as the one that emerged in the U.S. House of Representatives, about uranium price-fixing.

Mr. Brunner confirmed that shipments of highly enriched uranium are now arriving from the United States, as promised.

Canada and the European Atomic Energy Community ("Euratom") signed an agreement in 1959 for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. The current negotiations, which began last year, are intended to revise the agreement, following Canada's decision to require more stringent safeguards over exports of Canadian nuclear material and information.

Canada suspended uranium supplies at the end of 1976.

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