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Proceed with receipt, treatment of highly enriched uranium

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The entire project is financed by the Canadian government providing further benefit by offsetting U.S. tax dollars for maintaining SRS facilities. It is time to move forward with this project and do what is in the best interest of Canada and the U.S.

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