activity in Canada,” declared Wilkinson. “The new Cernavoda reactors will leverage Canadian CANDU technology to deliver clean and reliable power to communities while contributing to Canada’s efforts to support European energy security. Canadian nuclear expertise will continue to play an important role in helping the world accelerate to a clean and secure energy future.”

Romania’s energy minister Sebastian Burduja, who joined Wilkinson in Ottawa for the announcement, noted, “Our countries’ bilateral relations go way back. In the ’70s, Romania took the historical [sic] decision to be the only country behind the Iron Curtain to develop a nuclear program based on Western technology and the only European country to choose CANDU technology for its nuclear program. As the current geopolitical context has shown, this was the best decision that Romania could have taken at that time. From that point onward, the cooperation between our countries has only grown stronger. I am proud to reaffirm today our unwavering commitment to a long-term and prosperous cooperation between our countries in the nuclear field.”

Cosmin Ghiță, director general of Nuclearlectrica, welcomed the news in a September 20 statement. “We are proud and honored to continue the strategic partnership we have had with Canada for over 55 years by operating the only CANDU technology plant in Europe, and one of the best performing in the world in terms of high capacity factor,” he said. “Our civil nuclear projects are benchmarks for the nuclear power industry globally and a significant step toward a clean and sustainable energy future with nuclear reactors. This sustainable partnership can set an example for other countries that intend to develop an energy strategy using clean, resilient, and affordable energy—nuclear power.”

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