

The U.S. and Romanian delegations, pictured above, after signing their draft cooperation agreement in Washington, D.C., Oct. 9. The agreement includes a finance deal for CANDU-6 new build at Cernavoda. *Image courtesy of SNN, Romania*.

SNN, Romania achieves new-build milestone

The Romanian government and CANDU Owners Group (COG)-member Societatea Nationala Nuclearelectrica (SNN, Romania) have announced a United States-Romania finance deal that will support the refurbishment at Cernavoda Nuclear Plant and additional CANDU-6 new build. The new-build plans include local Romanian industry, as well as COG supplier participant, AECOM, and other Canadian and French partners.

AECOM will lead the US\$8-billion project to build two new reactors and refurbish an existing reactor at Cernavoda. The project will use CANDU-6 technology, which is already in use at the plant. Cernavoda currently has two 706 MW reactors, which account for roughly one-fifth of Romania's power production.

The U.S. and Romanian governments signed a draft inter-governmental cooperation agreement, Oct. 9 in Washington D.C., which outlines their shared expansion and modernization plans for Romania's civil nuclear program.

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Click here for Reuters story on the AECOM-led new build project.