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I would like to offer my congratulations to the organizers and participants of the first *International Symposium on Solar Energy from Space*. It is with regret that I am unable to attend this fascinating conference.

Our government places great emphasis on our country's space industry; we have been leaders in space exploration and development for nearly half a century. Our achievements are remarkable and something that Canadians are truly proud of.

We're known around the world as pioneers in many space applications and technologies. We are also known for our expertise in earth observation, communications satellites and robotics. Canada has developed an impeccable reputation for the quality of our space science program and the people that are part of it.

Canada remains among a very small group of nations that lead the world in space development, and it is for this reason that our government has made significant investments into the space industry

As you know, this year marks an important milestone for space exploration, as the world celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon. There is still much to discover, much to experience and it is through symposiums such as this that we can inspire new generations of scientists, technologists, and mathematicians for future space exploration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Clement', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hon. Tony Clement  
Minister of Industry