

AGREEMENT
TO ESTABLISH A
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
IN UKRAINE

Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, and The United States of America:

Reaffirming the need to prevent the proliferation of technologies and expertise related to weapons of mass destruction -- nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons;

Taking note of the present critical period in the states of the former Soviet Union, a period that includes the transition to a market economy, the developing process of disarmament, and the conversion of industrial-technical potential from military to peaceful endeavors;

Recognizing, in this context, the need to create an international Science and Technology Center in Ukraine that would minimize incentives to engage in activities that could result in such proliferation, by supporting and assisting the activities for peaceful purposes of weapons scientists and engineers in Ukraine and, if interested, in other states of the former Soviet Union;

Responding to the need to contribute, through the Center's projects and activities, to the transition of the states of the former Soviet Union to market-based economies and to support research and development for peaceful purposes;

Desiring that Center projects provide impetus and support to participating scientists and engineers in developing long-term career opportunities, which will strengthen the scientific research and development capacity of Ukraine; and

Realizing that the success of the Center will require strong support from governments, foundations, academic and scientific institutions, and other inter-governmental and non-governmental entities;

Have agreed as follows: