

Securing Highly Radioactive Sources in Northern Russia

Canada will contribute up to \$500,000 in 2005–06 to Norway's ongoing program to remove, secure and replace radioisotope thermoelectric generators. Norway will replace the RTGs with solar panels as new sources of energy for the lighthouses.

Within the framework of the Canada–Russia Bilateral Agreement, Canada is considering providing financial support to address bottlenecks in the processing of RTGs, which have been identified by the multilateral RTG working group. Support could include funding for secure transportation containers and temporary storage facilities for RTGs.

Support to the International Science and Technology Center

Future plans for this project include a particular focus in Canada, including:

- development of a domestic outreach program to enhance ISTC visibility in Canada and to identify collaborators for Canadian-funded ISTC projects;
- promotion of the ISTC's Partner Program;
- development of a mechanism to leverage other government department priorities and programs toward non-proliferation activities in the FSU;

- development of engagement strategies for a small number of priority FSU institutes where Canada can make a difference; and
- gradual transfer from the Canadian International Development Agency to DFAIT in 2005–06 of responsibility for Canada's participation in the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine.

"Foreign Affairs ... will also pursue a strategy to reinforce compliance and verification mechanisms for WMD, reflecting our comparative advantage in key technology sectors. ..."

*—Canada's International Policy Statement:
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