

CANADA AND THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Victor III being dismantled in dry dock

At the Kananaskis G8 Summit in 2002, the Government of Canada committed up to \$1 billion over 10 years. Shortly after, Canada's Global Partnership Program was established.

"We are grateful to Canada for the active work which it has been carrying out in performance of its Global Partnership obligations... Of the G8 countries, our engagement with Canada and Germany under the Global Partnership is exemplary."

— *Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov, during his working visit to Canada in March 2006*

Canada's Accomplishments

INTRODUCTION

After the establishment of the Global Partnership in 2002, Canada's initial efforts focused on three areas: establishing the necessary international legal frameworks and implementation arrangements to enable projects to be undertaken in Russia, creating the domestic support structure and monitoring framework for a program consistent with the Government of Canada's highest standards of stewardship and probity, and developing projects consistent with Canadian priorities as well as the international relationships needed for their implementation.

The Global Partnership Bureau, with over 30 staff, was established in September 2002 within the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). It incorporates technical expertise as well as experience in non-proliferation, disarmament, counterterrorism and nuclear safety areas. In addition, there is an office at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, consisting of four staff members to deal directly with the Russian government and Global Partnership stakeholders.

To operate effectively and control risks, a comprehensive legal framework was put in place. This consists of a combination of multilateral agreements, bilateral agreements and third-party arrangements, which are supplemented by specific implementing arrangements governing the release of funds.



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