

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AGAINST THE SPREAD OF WMD: OVERVIEW



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Principles and Guidelines

The Global Partnership is grounded in six principles designed to prevent terrorist groups from acquiring or developing nuclear, chemical, radiological and biological weapons, or related materials, equipment, technology and expertise.

These principles, developed by Canada, call upon states to:

- strengthen global non-proliferation efforts through the adoption and full implementation of relevant multilateral treaties and other international instruments;
- develop and maintain appropriate measures to account for and secure WMD materials in use, storage and transport;
- develop and maintain secure storage facilities for WMD materials;
- strengthen border controls, law enforcement and international cooperation to deter, detect and interdict illicit trafficking of WMD;
- strengthen national export and trans-shipment control systems over items that could be used in the development or production of WMD; and
- strengthen efforts to reduce stockpiles of WMD materials.

Central to the implementation of these principles is the international community's commitment to assist countries that lack the resources to address the problems of WMD.

The G8 also agreed to a set of guidelines at Kananaskis to facilitate the implementation of bilateral and multilateral cooperation projects funded through the Global Partnership. These guidelines, which are based on practices that had proven their value in other cooperation work, require Global Partnership projects to:

- be transparent and subject to monitoring and audit;
- adhere to accepted environmental protection and safety standards;
- be based on clearly defined project milestones;
- adhere to peaceful use provisions and the application of adequate physical protection measures;
- provide full exemption from taxes, duties, levies and other charges;
- base project implementation on international procurement standards;
- provide adequate liability protection for project personnel and contractors;
- provide appropriate privileges and immunities for donor representatives working on cooperation projects; and
- ensure adequate protection of sensitive information and intellectual property.