

CANADA G8 ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2006 G8 Summit
July 17, 2006
St. Petersburg, Russia

As part of Canada's commitment at the G8 Summit, Prime Minister Harper announced over \$150 million in contributions under the Global Partnership Program, for a number of new projects in Russia and countries of the former Soviet Union for destroying and securing weapons and materials of mass destruction.

The announcement includes:

- a planned contribution of \$100 million toward the construction of chemical weapons destruction facilities in Russia;
- an agreement to provide \$24 million to defuel and dismantle three nuclear submarines in northwestern Russia. This will bring the total number of submarines dismantled with Canada's cooperation to nine;
- notice of Canada's intention to allocate \$20 million annually for physical protection upgrades at Russian nuclear facilities. Canada has reached agreement with Russia to implement projects at seven Russian nuclear facilities, and plans a \$4 million contribution to the International Atomic Energy Agency Nuclear Security Fund to increase nuclear and radiological security in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union; and
- \$4.3 million for 15 new research projects at research institutes in Russia and other countries of the former Soviet Union. These projects will provide peaceful, sustainable employment opportunities for former weapons scientists and are an important element of the Global Partnership. The projects may generate discoveries and technologies of mutual benefit, scientifically and commercially.