

Other Key Arrangements

Canada–United Kingdom Memorandums of Understanding

Priority Area: Chemical Weapons Destruction

On November 19, 2003, Canada and the U.K. signed the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Assistance with the Destruction of Chemical Weapons in the Russian Federation. The MOU covers arrangements for funding chemical weapons destruction activities through the U.K.'s bilateral agreement with Russia. As an initial contribution to the *Global Partnership*, Canada committed \$33 million to the construction of a secure railway link between the munitions storage area and the destruction facility at Shchuch'ye.

This first arrangement was followed by the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Further Assistance with the Destruction of Chemical Weapons in the Russian Federation, which was concluded on January 18, 2005. This second MOU provides the framework for Canada to make additional financial contributions to the construction of the Shchuch'ye facility, including an initial \$10 million for key industrial infrastructure projects.

International Atomic Energy Agency

Priority Area: Nuclear and Radiological Security

On March 16, 2004, Canada concluded a contribution arrangement with the IAEA, allocating \$4 million to the Agency's Nuclear Security Fund (NSF) in support of nuclear and radiological security projects in the FSU.

Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI)

Priority Area: Chemical Weapons Destruction

On February 7, 2005, Canada entered into a supplementary agreement with the U.S.-based non-governmental organization (NGO) Nuclear Threat Initiative that enabled that organization to contribute US\$1 million toward Canada's construction of a railway bridge at the Shchuch'ye chemical weapons destruction facility. This agreement represented the first major NGO contribution to the *Global Partnership*.



Mohamed ElBaradei,
Director General, IAEA

"I am pleased to accept your contribution and express the sincere appreciation of the Secretariat for the support extended by your Government to the Agency's approved activities to protect against acts of nuclear terrorism."

—Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General, IAEA, Letter to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, March 22, 2004, accepting Canada's contribution of \$4 million to the IAEA's Nuclear Security Fund.

U.S. Department of Energy

Priority Area: Nuclear and Radiological Security

On March 30, 2005, Canada and the United States announced the signing of an MOU covering the arrangements for a Canadian contribution of \$9 million to a U.S.-led project to facilitate the shutdown of one of the last weapons-grade plutonium-producing nuclear reactors in Russia at Zheleznogorsk.

"This agreement is key to halting the production of nuclear weapons materials. ... We are pleased to be able to cooperate with our U.S. partners on this important security initiative."

—Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Remarks on the Zheleznogorsk project,
March 30 2005.

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