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FACT SHEET

The Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) is an intergovernmental organization established by an Agreement signed on October 15, 1993 by Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, and the United States. The Agreement entered into force in July 1994. The STCU has been fully operational since February 1995.

The STCU solicits, receives, and assists in the development of proposals from the Ukrainian scientific community. Ukrainian recipients will own rights to intellectual property developed as a result of STCU-supported projects. The STCU Board of Governors, made up of representatives of the Parties, votes to approve and fund projects at Board meetings which are held at least twice annually. The first Board of Governors meeting was held in December 1995.

The main purpose of the STCU, as stated in the Agreement, is to promote nonproliferation by supporting civilian-oriented research and development activities of Ukrainian scientists and engineers involved with weapons of mass destruction and associated delivery systems.

By augmenting the income of Ukrainian scientists and engineers, the STCU helps Ukraine retain its base of scientific knowledge necessary for economic development while preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction know-how.

Funds from the initial donor countries include \$2 million from Canada; \$1.5 million from Sweden; and \$15 million from the United States. Ukraine is obligated to provide office space, utilities, and security for the STCU secretariat based in Kyiv.