

Summary of the 11th Meeting
STCU Governing Board
Kyiv, Ukraine, December 7, 2000

Board Members: USA: Dr. John Boright (Chairman), Canada: Emil Baran, EU: Jean Gabolde, EU Council Presidency: Alain Tournyol Du Clos, Ukraine: Victor Bar'yakhtar

Party Representatives: USA: Andrew Hood, Canada: Sara Camblin Breault, EU: Didier Gambier

Sponsors: Japan: Ritsuko Inoue, Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan

Honorable Guests Attending: Yaroslav Yaskiv, Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, and Anatoliy Shevtsov, Director of the National Strategic Research Branch Office, Ukraine

STCU Secretariat: Leo Owsiaci (ED), Boris Atamanenko (SDED), Arthur DuCharme (DED), Esa Manninen (DED), Curtis Bjelajac (CFO), and Marianna Carbe' (CAO)

Administrative Topics:

- The minutes from the 10th Board were approved, but future minutes should be brief and contain only facts and decisions.
- The ED reported on the successful resolution of many issues affecting the operation of the STCU, many with the help of the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The new EU DED, Esa Manninen, began work at the STCU on September 18. An Advisory Committee Meeting was hosted by the EU in Paris on September 23, 2000. The Secretariat was represented by the ED, new DED (EU) and CFO. A successful STCU executive retreat led to a recommended re-organization of the Center.
- Mr. Yatskiv discussed STCU ratification possibilities. He said that one IPR provision in the Statute is delaying ratification by the Ukrainian Legislature.

Report from the Secretariat:

- SDED Atamanenko reported on the accession interest of Moldova, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, and Turkey. Dr. Boright said that the Board supports further exploration of these possibilities.
- DED Manninen provided an update on the Nuclear Safety Project (Y2K extension). The Board members expressed their appreciation for this important work.
- DED DuCharme discussed the STCU training initiatives. Dr. Boright expressed his support for this professional development at the Center.
- DED Manninen presented the report on Sustainability Group Activities. The Board recognized the importance of this program. Dr. Boright commended the STCU support to patenting and IPR training activities. The Board recommended more use of mass media to advertise the benefits provided by the Group.

- SDED Atamanenko reported on the status of ratification. He informed the Board that the Ukrainian Parliament is considering this very issue today (December 7, 2000). It was suggested that lawyers from donor countries and Ukraine should meet to resolve any outstanding IPR issues in order to expedite ratification.

- DED DuCharme presented the status of preparation for the Year 2000 Annual Report. This issue will focus on the successes made and the services provided by the STCU over the last 5 years of its operation. Board members inquired about the distribution of the report. It was explained that this distribution is very wide, including participating institutes, embassies, funding Parties, and even interested individuals.
- CAO Carbe' discussed the status of the STCU project database. The Board emphasized the need to maintain the database, once created.
- DED Manninen discussed the need to standardize the Partner Project Model Agreement, especially in the area of IPR. Board members recommended use of the ISTC model as an example.
- SDED Atamanenko reported on progress in resolving Ukrainian issues. Only the building issue remains partially resolved. The Board welcomed the progress toward Ukraine meeting all its obligations.
- CAO Carbe' discussed the basic requirements for a building to be provided by Ukraine for STCU operations. The Board recommended continuation of the search to identify possible alternative facilities.

Financial Topics:

- CFO Bjelajac discussed the status of the Banker's House issue, the 2000 Administrative Budget, the proposed 2001 Budget presentation, financial guidelines, and the 1999 "clean" Audit Report. These reports were accepted as presented.

11th Board Record of Decisions:

- The 2001 Administrative Operating Budget was approved as presented with stipulated Donor Party sharing in the support. A supplemental budget was also approved.
- A total of 49 new regular projects were approved and 10 new partner activities were confirmed. Ten new partners were introduced and approved.
- The Board made a statement of regret that the building issue is not completely resolved.
- The Board adopted a declaration concerning IPR ownership and licensing.
- The Board approved the new STCU organizational structure, the two-year appointment of DED Esa Manninen, and the two-year extensions of SDED Atamanenko and DED DuCharme.
- The Board reconfirmed the previous accession to the STCU of Georgia and Uzbekistan.

Final Topics:

- The Board, Party representatives, and the Secretariat expressed their thanks to Victor Bar'yakhtar for his service as the Ukrainian member of the Governing Board. Mr. Bar'yakhtar has resigned his position effective December 10, 2000.
- The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2001 in Kyiv.