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PRINCIPLES FOR PARTNER PARTICIPATION IN ISTC ACTIVITIES

- ***Commitment to ISTC's Objectives***

The ISTC is an intergovernmental nonproliferation program that develops, approves, finances, and monitors science and technology projects for peaceful purposes. The program offers weapons scientists from CIS states that are Parties to the ISTC Agreement the opportunity to redirect their talents to peaceful activities. All current and future activities of the ISTC will be consistent with these objectives.

Through its projects and activities, the ISTC aims to provide impetus and support to participating scientists and engineers in developing long-term civilian career opportunities that will strengthen the CIS scientific research and technology development capacity.

- ***Accept all terms and conditions contained in the Agreement and Statute***

The ISTC Agreement and Statute form the legal framework for the ISTC's activities. All participants in ISTC activities must accept the terms of the Agreement and the Statute. Some of the main principles of these are:

- The ISTC is an intergovernmental organization. Its multilateral Governing Board is responsible for all financial and programmatic activities of the ISTC. The Governing Board is the ultimate decision-making body of the ISTC.
- Activities supported by the ISTC are carried out only for peaceful purposes.
- Transparency and access to information about ISTC activities is required of all projects under ISTC sponsorship. (See below: "Transparency/Openness")

- ***The ISTC does not engage in commercial activities, but it does support projects that may create conditions that could result in commercial activities once the project is complete and the ISTC's support ends.***

Market ready technology is not appropriate for inclusion in ISTC projects. Support for commercial activities should be sought through other programs. The following types of activities are acceptable under ISTC support:

- *Basic Research* — In basic research, the objective is to gain more complete knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and of observable facts, without specific applications and products in mind.
- *Applied Research* — In applied research, the objective is to gain knowledge or understanding necessary for determining the means by which a recognized need may be met.
- *Technology Development* — Systematic application of knowledge of research towards proof of technology or concept including development of non-specific application prototypes and processes.
- *Technology Demonstration* — Verification of the viability of research findings through development of prototypes, models, clinical trials, field tests, testing and evaluation, and other efforts.

- ***Scientific/Technical Excellence***

The ISTC seeks projects that respond to its objectives and exhibit a high degree of scientific and technical excellence.

- ***Partners and Recipients will be freely and solely responsible for their commitments.***

Any Partner or Recipient will be fully and solely responsible for the commitments they make. The ISTC will not be held liable by third parties for nonperformance of a Partner or a Recipient.

- ***ISTC activities focus support on individuals and research teams, not on institutions and equipment.***

The ISTC supports the redirection of former Soviet scientists and engineers. While many projects or activities may require equipment or travel, the main focus of any activity should be on how to help these scientists and engineers redirect their skills to peaceful activities, not on re-equipping institutes.

- ***Transparency/Openness***

The ISTC's activities are conducted in a transparent and open manner. The Governing Board and the Secretariat, as the operational arm of the Governing Board, need to be fully informed about all activities taking place under the ISTC's auspices. The ISTC, however, fully recognizes the need to carefully protect any business confidential or proprietary information that is included in proposals, project reports, or other communications. The ISTC encourages all participants in ISTC activities to indicate clearly business confidential and proprietary information and will protect such information according to its procedures.

- ***Opportunity for joint funding***

The ISTC supports all forms of joint funding of activities.