**ISTC Fact Sheet**

**Objectives**

- Provide weapons experts in the CIS the opportunity to redirect their talents to peaceful activities
- Contribute to the solution of national and international science and technology problems
- Reinforce the transition to market economies
- Support basic and applied research
- Promote integration of CIS scientists into global scientific community

**Brief History**

- ISTC is an intergovernmental organization founded by the European Union, Japan, Russia and the United States in November 1992; operations began in March 1994.
- Total member countries in the ISTC: 39

**Activities and Operations (as of February 2012)**

- 2,753 funded proposals, totaling $860.5M
- Over 74,530 scientists from Russia and the CIS have received grants from ISTC
- $529.5M paid in research grants in total
- Full range of supporting programs: commercialization and innovation; travel support; communication; intellectual property; competency building

**Organization**

- Governing Board includes as permanent members: Canada, European Union, Japan, Russian Federation, the United States
- ISTC Secretariat Headquarters in Moscow; regional offices in Yerevan, Minsk, Tbilisi, Almaty, Bishkek, and Dushanbe

**Support to Nonproliferation Regimes**

- Disposal of Weapons-Grade Plutonium
- Destruction of Chemical Weapons
- Support to Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty
- Nuclear Material Control & Accounting

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