

the certification required by Section 1305. The conditions in Section 1305 of the FY2000 Act on spending funds for a CW destruction facility in Russia must therefore be waived to make possible U.S. assistance for a facility for the destruction of millions of lethal nerve agent weapons that pose a significant proliferation risk as long as they exist.

Resolved Elements:

Element 2: A demonstrated annual commitment by Russia to allocate at least \$25 million to CW elimination.

Since 2001, Russia has allocated at least \$25 million per year to eliminate its CW at Shchuch'ye. Russia's 2001 budget allocated three billion rubles (\$107 million<sup>1</sup>) for CW destruction in Russia, including \$25 million for Shchuch'ye. Russia's fiscal year 2002 budget for chemical weapons destruction is 5.436 billion rubles (\$181 million), including \$35 million to fund social and industrial infrastructure projects (e.g., housing, schools, power lines) at Shchuch'ye. In October 2002, Russia announced plans to spend at least \$35 million for Shchuch'ye in 2003.

Russia plans to spend significantly more for CW elimination during each succeeding year. According to Russia's July 5, 2001 revised CW destruction program plan, over 90 billion rubles (\$3 billion) will be expended through fiscal year 2011 for CW elimination.

Element 5: An agreement by Russia to destroy or convert its CWPF at Volgograd and Novocheboksarsk.

As a State Party to the CWC, Russia is legally obligated to destroy all of its declared CWPF, including those at Volgograd and Novocheboksarsk. In exceptional cases of compelling need, CWC States Parties may request permission to use a CWPF for purposes not prohibited under the CWC. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Conference of the States Parties has approved Russia's request conversion requests for portions of the Volgograd and Novocheboksarsk facilities. Since 1999 the CTR program has, following OPCW approval, provided assistance to Russia to demilitarize nerve agent production facilities at both locations.

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<sup>1</sup> The amounts stated in this paper in U.S. dollars for Russian funding and international assistance are approximate, because of the fluctuation of currency exchange rates.