

Element 6: A demonstrated commitment from the international community to fund and build infrastructure needed to support and operate the CW destruction facility.

To date, the international community has committed or plans to commit about \$50 million to fund and build the infrastructure needed to support and operate a nerve agent destruction facility at Shchuch'ye. G8 leaders have cited CW destruction in Russia as a priority for the G8 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, agreed at the Kananaskis Summit in Jun 2002. It is expected, therefore, that international assistance to the Shchuch'ye facility will increase under the G8 Global Partnership.

Specific international commitments (alphabetized by donor country) for Shchuch'ye areas follows:

Canada: provided \$250,000 for Shchuch'ye infrastructure in 2000-2001; signed an agreement with Russia in 2002 for an additional \$3.4 million.

European Union: committed \$1.8 million in 2001.

Germany: plans to provide \$1.3 million in 2002.

Italy: ratified an agreement with Russia to provide \$7.15 million over three years, beginning in 2001, for Shchuch'ye infrastructure.

The Netherlands: contributing \$10 million to Russian chemical weapons destruction, including a possible contribution of \$2 million to support Shchuch'ye.

Norway: committed \$2.15 million for Shchuch'ye infrastructure.

Sweden: intends to commit \$700,000.

Switzerland: earmarked \$11.4 million in assistance to Russian CW destruction program over at least five years, beginning in 2003; seriously considering contributing a significant portion of that to Shchuch'ye.

United Kingdom: agreed with Russia in December 2001 to contribute \$18 million for Shchuch'ye over three years.