

In addition, Denmark, Czech Republic, France, Japan and Poland have indicated interest in providing assistance to Shchuch'ye. In March 2002, the Nuclear Threat Initiative (a non-governmental organization) announced a \$1 million commitment to Shchuch'ye to match \$2 million in funds from an international donor. The United States will continue to press Allies for commitments to fund and build infrastructure needed to support and operate the Shchuch'ye facility.

Unresolved Elements

Element 1: Information provided by Russia, that the United States assesses to be full and accurate, regarding the size of the CW stockpile of Russia.

The United States is engaged in ongoing bilateral consultations with Russia on the Russian CWC stockpile declaration and is seeking to resolve our concerns. Only limited progress has been made. Russia has provided some additional information on its stockpile declaration but that information does not resolve U.S. concerns. A U.S. team visited Moscow in early December to review documentation offered by Russia as relevant to resolving the question of an undeclared stockpile. Russia offered only documents already available to the United States through the OPCW. The Administration continues to stress with senior Russian officials the importance of resolving this element.

Element 3: Development by Russia of a practical plan for destroying its stockpile of nerve agents.

Russia continues to revise a practical plan for destroying its stockpile of nerve agents. On July 5, 2001, the Russian Government approved the revised CW destruction program plan (Resolution No. 510) that amends the initial Russian plan of March 21, 1996 (Resolution No. 305). Russia has provided the United States and the OPCW numerous details on the planned destruction of its nerve agent stocks. However, the United States continues to seek clarification and additional information as the Russian plan continues to evolve. In October 2002, Russia recognized the need to provide a single document that addresses all the necessary steps, including transportation and safety measures, to destroy its nerve agent stockpile at Shchuch'ye in accordance with the CWC.

Element 4: Enactment of a law by Russia that provides for the elimination of all nerve agents at a single site.