



democracy and market-oriented reform in Eastern Europe, principally in Ukraine."

According to the ICDS President, Yuri Shymko, the organization's main task is to aid the democratic bloc of parties in Ukraine to attain a victory in parliamentary elections on March 27. To do this, ICDS is prepared to conduct several seminars for the candidates of the democratic bloc, to help conduct and analyze polls and to serve as an information and coordinating center.

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CANADA HELPS SET UP S&T RESEARCH CENTRE IN KYIV

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Canada, United States and Sweden have pledged \$13.5 million (US) to establish a research centre to provide work for Ukrainian nuclear scientists and avert a brain-drain.

The agreement, signed during US Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to Ukraine last November, proposes that the Science and Technology Centre serve as a clearinghouse for projects to help weapons scientists and engineers in Ukraine redirect their talents to peaceful, civilian economy and reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation. The signatory states agreed to work together to convert the massive military defense complex to civilian use. The three countries also hope that setting up the Science and Technology Centre will prompt Ukraine to ratify the START 1 Pact and the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The ambassadors of the three Western countries hailed the agreement. Canada's Ambassador François Mathys stated that he hoped this would help finalize the de-nuclearization process. The Centre is seen by Canada as one such tool to help Ukraine follow the nuclear-free path. Ambassador Mathys added that another important goal of the Centre is to allow Western scientists and engineers to work with Ukrainian engineers. The outcome of

this cooperation can surpass all of our expectations, he added. The Ukrainian government and its State Committee on Science and Technology said that the agreement was more a political statement than an economic one. Explaining that Ukraine's scientific resources could either be eliminated or employed, the Committee Chairman said that the countries chose the latter, not only for Ukraine's political, economic and social benefit, but to also serve intergovernmental interests.

Projects at the Centre are to be funded by the United States, Canada and Sweden, with the U.S. pledging \$10 million and Canada \$2 million. Ukraine will provide in-kind services, such as support, facilities, maintenance, utilities.

The Centre is expected to review proposals submitted by individuals, institutions, governments and non-profit organizations. Other governments, in addition to the original signatories, can also join. The STCU will fund projects that will continue to: solving national and international technical problems; reinforcing Ukraine's transition to a market-based economy responsive to civil needs; supporting basic and applied research technology developments in such areas as environmental protection, energy production, nuclear safety, the remediation of the consequences of nuclear power reactor accidents; and promoting the further integration of scientists of Ukraine and the former Soviet Union into the international scientific community.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA ESTABLISHES CHAIR OF UKRAINIAN STUDIES

The University of Ottawa has approved the creation of a Chair of Ukrainian Studies, ensuring a continuation of a 40-year-long tradition of Ukrainian studies at the University. His Excellency, the Rt. Hon. Ramon Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, has agreed to become a Patron. Aimed at fostering scholarly research on Ukraine and Ukrainians, the Chair is to be multi-disciplinary and rotational, and will take advantage of the nexus of governmental, commercial, diplomatic,

academic and cultural forces in Ottawa.

The Chair will be an autonomous body affiliated with the University's School of Graduate Studies and Research. It draws its basic funding on the generosity of Dr. and Mrs. Antin Iwachniuk, and the late Professor Constantine Bida. The two funds, which currently total \$750,000, have made possible more than a decade of scholarly activities, including international conferences, a publication series, visiting scholars, and the funding of twenty graduate scholarships. For information: Professor Theofil Kis (613) 731-3379, or FAX, 564-5952.

EC COMMISSION PROMOTES SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH UKRAINE

BRUSSELS...The European Commission stated on December 22, 1993, that an EC-backed aid group had granted 21 million European currency units for scientific cooperation projects for the states of the former Soviet Union. The group, INTAS, adopted 509 scientific projects involving at least 1,000 Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) science laboratories and nearly 2,000 laboratories belonging to INTAS members. The projects are to cover a wide range of science disciplines from astro-physics and space to social science, the Commission said. INTAS members are the 12-nation bloc EC, Austria, Finland, Switzerland, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

INTAS, the French initials for the international association for the promotion of cooperation between scientists of the CIS, was launched last June by the European Commission.