

**To: President George W. Bush
United States of America**

**To: President V.V. Putin
Russian Federation**

**Transmittal of the
Report of the United States and Russian Federation
Joint Working Group on the Development of a Bilateral Action Plan
To Enhance Global and Bilateral Nuclear Energy Cooperation**

December 15, 2006


At the St. Petersburg, Russia, G8 Summit on July 15, 2006, you directed us to establish a joint working group to develop a bilateral action plan for implementing our respective initiatives to enhance global and bilateral nuclear energy cooperation by December 15, 2006, and furthermore, at the Hanoi meeting on November 19, 2006, you entrusted us to accelerate implementation of our joint cooperation.

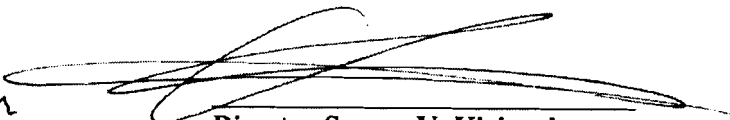
In our national strategies, both the United States and Russia see a strong need and role for nuclear power through the 21st century. Such commonality of views stems from concerns related to nonproliferation, energy security, sustainability, international stability, and environmental security. The joint working group has found considerable commonality in the research and development of the two countries that should provide a strong basis for meaningful cooperation.

The report of the joint working group outlines national strategies in nuclear power, identifies the common bases for U.S.-Russian cooperation in advanced reactors, exportable small and medium reactors, nuclear fuel cycle technologies, and nonproliferation, and defines a plan for cooperation.

The joint working group recommends that in the Winter and Spring 2007 subgroups be formed and workshops held to further define the technical content of the cooperative programs. The Provisional Action Plan for 2007 is included as Appendix A of the report.

Having completed the assigned task, the attached report of the joint working group is respectfully submitted to you.


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