



STATEMENT OF INTENT TO COOPERATE

Between the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine
and the Academy of Technological Sciences of Ukraine



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Cutting-edge scientific and technical achievements underpin technological advances, which in turn significantly support economic development and growth. Countries of the former Soviet Union have recognized strengths in a wide range of scientific and engineering disciplines such as material sciences, information and communications technologies, medium- and heavy-machine equipment design and construction, geotechnology, technology management, environmental protection technologies, etc. However, the transition to market economies and the conversion of industrial-technical potential from military to peaceful endeavors has not been easy. Despite ten years of development elsewhere in the economy, these countries still lack the capacity (or resources) to harness fully the potential of their technological strengths in order to convert their expertise into innovative products and services for the global market.

An important objective of the **Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU)** is to promote an environment of innovation, spurring scientific and technical growth into innovative products for global markets. In particular, the STCU is committed to supporting participating former weapons scientists and engineers in developing long-term sustainable civilian career opportunities that will strengthen the scientific research and development capacity of Ukraine.


These objectives closely match those of the **Academy of Technological Sciences of Ukraine (ATSU)**, which was founded in 1991 with a vision to unite under one organization scientists and technical experts working in the military-industrial complex. The mission of the ATSU is to consolidate the intellectual, technological and industrial potential of Ukraine with the goal of supporting the continued development of Ukrainian social and economic strengths, fostering technological innovation, and contributing to the revival of Ukraine's industrial capabilities.

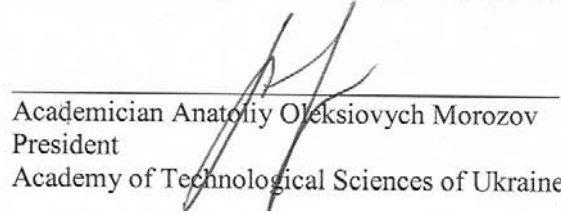
A close cooperative partnership between the STCU and the ATSU (hereafter the "Parties") will benefit both sides. To help foster such a partnership, **the STCU and the ATSU agree to explore possibilities for supporting or jointly sponsoring activities that will enhance opportunities for Ukrainian technologists in the military-industrial complex to enter into cooperative pursuits with western scientists and engineers.** These activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Marketing and economic sustainability training
2. Promotion of scholarly and expert/specialist exchanges
3. Seminar, conference, exhibition and trade fair participation
4. Regular meetings between the Parties to explore future opportunities for cooperation
5. Training workshops for grant-writing, project implementation, patent applications, etc.

The STCU and ATSU will continue to work together to support these activities as well as others that contribute to Ukraine's long-term scientific and technological growth. Both sides will remain flexible in order to incorporate new opportunities for cooperation as they arise.

The Parties do not intend this *Statement of Intent to Cooperate* to create obligations binding under international law.


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