



## ACCESSION OF MOLDOVA

In 1998 Moldova made initial steps towards accession to the STCU Agreement. A draft Law on accession was prepared and submitted to the relevant Moldavian institutions. Although due to the frequent reshuffles in the Government of Moldova this process came to a standstill.

In December of 2002 STCU was visited by a delegation from Moldova headed by a member of Moldavian parliament Mr Leonid Kulyuk. The guests expressed a big interest of Moldavian scientists to participate in STCU programme and promised to lobby this process at their national governmental institutions. At the 15-th Governing Board meeting the Ambassador of Moldova officially declared the intention of Moldova to accede to the STCU Agreement. And the Board in its turn officially welcomed the application of the Government of Moldova to join the STCU Agreement.

On February 21 the Embassy of Moldova in Ukraine informed in its letter about commencement of the national procedures of accession and requested an officially certified copy of the STCU Agreement, which was made in a due course.

In the beginning of April STCU Executive Director got an official invitation from the Supreme Council for Science and Technological Development of Moldova to visit Moldova at any convenient time. We have already been in negotiations on this matter with the MFA of Moldova, the Supreme Council for Science and the Parliament. At the moment we are waiting for additional confirmations to complete the agenda of STCU visit to Moldova.