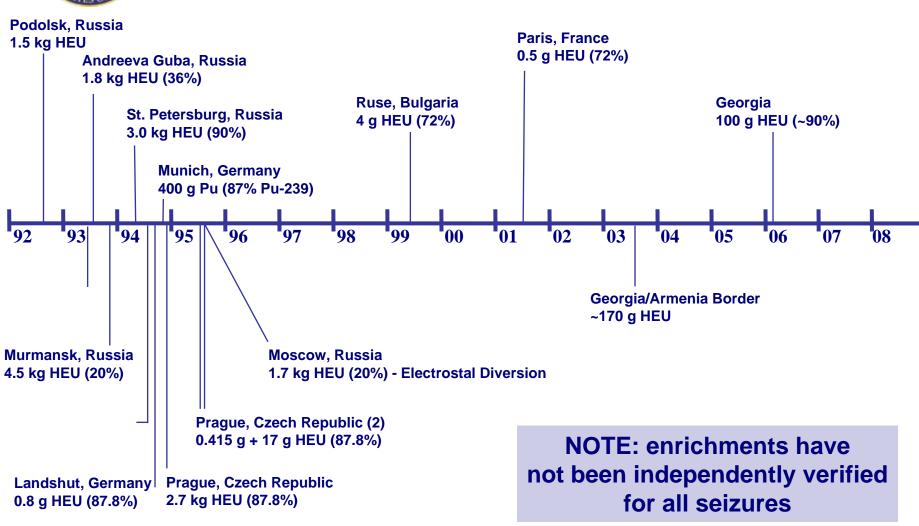
# International Nuclear Forensics Cooperation



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# Smuggling Trends of HEU/PU

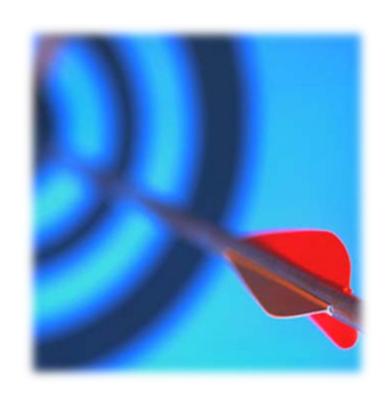


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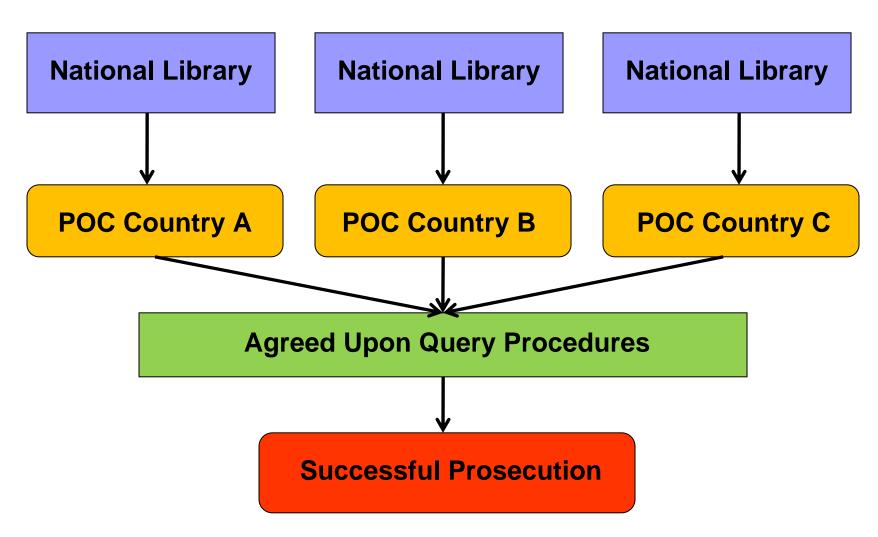
# **Current International Goals Vary**

- Best Practices
- Analysis/Safeguards
- Prosecution
- Attribution
- Deterrence





## **Cooperation Vision**





# Advantages and Disadvantages

#### Advantages

- Facilitates cooperation that is needed now
- Provides framework for range of forensic cooperation
- Protects proprietary and classified information
- Allows, but does not commit government to cooperate

#### Disadvantages

- No international standard for a forensic library
- No independent verification of forensic data



# Next Steps

#### Technical Review

- Partnering with IAEA and ITWG
- □ Initial meeting June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Follow up workshops in fall 2009 and spring 2010
- Define an international data standard

#### Build Political Support

- □ Seek endorsement at 2010 GICNT plenary
- Seek national implementation statements at GICNT plenary in 2011





## International Forensics Forums

- ITWG
  - □ Round Robins, Best Practices
- IAEA
  - Guidelines , Assistance
- Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism
  - Build Capabilities, Political Mandate
- Preventing Nuclear Smuggling Program
  - Bringing together atomic energy experts & law enforcement









#### The Global Initiative

Providing political support & commitment to strengthen combating nuclear terrorism efforts

- A flexible strategic framework of 75 partner nations
- Improves information sharing
- Accomplishes work via Plan of Work activities and through the Exercise Program



### GI Core Pillars

# The Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism

Plan of Work Activities

Exercise Program

Global Initiative
Information Portal

Private Sector Support

Nongovernmental

Organization Support

**Eight Statement of Principles** 



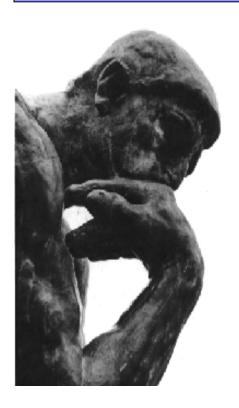
### **GI & Nuclear Forensics**

- Garner political support for national nuclear forensics libraries
- 15-19 June 09 GI Plenary Statement
- 29 June 09 GI/IAEA/ITWG Technical Review
- Fall 09 & Spring 10 GI/PNSP Workshops
- 2010 GI Plenary Endorsements
- 2011 GI Plenary Implementation Statements



# Preventing Nuclear Smuggling Program

**Mission**: Improve national capabilities to effectively respond to nuclear and radiological smuggling



- Address the whole picture of response to nuke smuggling
- Improve national response procedures to nuke smuggling incidents
- Establish good Standard Operating Procedures



## **PNSP:** Goals



- Enhance national coordination between law enforcement and scientific experts
- Improve international coordination
- Preserve opportunities for nuke forensics
- Ensure legal standards are met to allow for prosecutions



### **National Coordination**

- National Response Plan
- Integration of law enforcement & scientific personnel
- Designating roles and responsibilities





## **International Coordination Activities**

- Nuclear Smuggling International Technical Working Group (ITWG)
- International Workshops
- Regional or National Trainings



ITWG Meeting - Umeå, Sweden - 2007



#### **Nuclear Forensics**

**Definition**: Characterization of pre- and post-detonation nuclear and radioactive materials, devices, and debris.

- Law enforcement training to ensure sources are handled correctly
- Basic nuclear forensics training
- Identifying specific protocols for handling & transporting









### Forensic Priorities

- 1. Promoting scientific & law enforcement cooperation
- 2. Establish national response plans
- 3. Categorization & characterization of material
- 4. Develop national libraries





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