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A Promotional Conference to Foster Collaborative Research with the EU to Take Place in Ljubljana, Slovenia

Kyiv. The Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU) as main organizer, along with the International Science and Technology Center (ISTC) in Moscow, will hold a jointly sponsored Conference entitled "Thematic International Conference on Bio-, Nano- and Space Technologies" in Slovenia on 10, 11 and 12 March 2008.

The Conference is taking place in Ljubljana, and will combine presentations of scientific achievements in three thematic areas. It is intended for Scientists from National Laboratories and Institutes, Government Agencies, University Professors, Private Company representatives, International Organizations, and Embassies. The main purpose is to foster former USSR weapon scientists to promote themselves and to help them secure interest with possibly financing for further joint peaceful research activities.

The event approach is to have three dedicated days. After the official opening on the Monday morning, a first dedicated series of general science overviews will take place. Then, Day Two will be dedicated to Collaborative Research in Aerospace, and Day Three will have in parallel a Workshop Session on Biotechnologies and one on Nanotechnologies/New Materials. In support to the event presentations, sector-related Technology Profile Forms will be made available. Finally, as scientists will be only meeting one day on their thematic subjects, they will have an opportunity during the other two days to organize a series of targeted visits to laboratories, institutes or enterprises, and conduct bilateral meetings.

A press conference shall be held at Institute Jozef Stefan in the morning of 10 March 2008 (11:15-11:30) once the keynote speakers have addressed the participants (*).

The Science and Technology Center in Ukraine is an Intergovernmental, non-profit organization created with the goal of aiding unemployed or underemployed scientists previously working on the development of weapons of mass destruction. The STCU was created and is governed by the Agreement to Establish a Science and Technology Center in Ukraine originally signed by Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, and the United States of America in 1993. Subsequently, Sweden was replaced by the European Union in 1998 and Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Uzbekistan have also become signatories to the agreement. The STCU finances projects which convert the military know-how of the scientists of our recipient states into peaceful civilian applications. Other than regular projects, the STCU also works in a number of other spheres of activity, which include: Matchmaking, Promotional Missions, Seminars and Workshops, Partnership Projects, Travel Grants and Patenting Support. The STCU has provided US \$166 million in funding for research projects since its creation in 1993.

For more information on the Center's activities and Workshop details please visit our website at <http://www.stcu.int> and <http://www.stcu.int/slovenia> . For information on the ISTC (International Science and Technology Center in Moscow) please browse <http://www.istc.ru>

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