Facilitating Nonproliferation and Demilitarization: Lessons Learned

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Global Green USA – US Affiliate of Green Cross International

- Founded in 1993
- Green Cross affiliates in 30+ countries
- Focused on security & sustainability
- Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland
- Charitable, tax-exempt non-governmental organization (NGO)
Security & Sustainability Program

- Originally Legacy of the Cold War Program
- Worked closely with US Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR)
- Also with G-8 Global Partnership
- Aimed at securing & eliminating WMD
Security & Sustainability Program

- Track II diplomacy
- Annual dialogues, forums, and hearings
- Citizens’ Advisory Commissions (CACs)
- Advocacy for threat reduction & nonpro
- Transparency & stakeholder involvement
Chemical Weapons Destruction

- Helped facilitate destruction of 40,000+ MT since 1996
- 7 possessors: RF, US, Albania, India, Iraq, Libya, & South Korea
- 30,000+ MT remain in 4 countries
- $30 billion+ spent to date
Strategic Missile Destruction

- Helped facilitate destruction of 800+ strategic rocket motors in RF for START I
- Promoted closed burn process in Votkinsk
- US & RF resorted to OB/OD in Perm
Submarine Dismantlement

- Helped facilitate SSBN dismantlement in NW RF
- Local outreach office in Severodvinsk for Sevmash & Zvezhdochka shipyards
- 32 SSBNs destroyed to date
- 3+ still to be eliminated under CTR
- 492 SLBM launchers destroyed to date
Nuclear Weapons & Fissile Material

- Established National Nuclear Forum-Dialogue in 2005
- Co-sponsored with RosAtom
- Promotion of open dialogue with all stakeholders on nuclear power & weapons
Biosecurity Engagement

- Organized biosecurity roundtable in Geneva for 2006 BWC RevCon with Chairman Masood Khan
- Worked to promote biosecurity engagement in Asia
- Worked closely with BWC ISU
Lesson: Transparency

- Old approach – DAD – Decide, Announce, Defend – is not helpful
- Openness, honesty, & dialogue early in process is most helpful
- Democracy is messy, but best in long run
Lesson: Inclusiveness

- Local, regional, and national stakeholder involvement
- Local and regional outreach offices
- Adequate EIS & decision-making processes
- Citizens’ Advisory Committees
Lesson: Community Involvement

- Security engagement must be people-oriented
- Include all stakeholders – government & non-government alike
- Devise consensus-building process as integral part of process
Shchuch’ye, Kurgan Oblast
Downtown Shchuch’ye
Community Outreach
Lesson: Engage Internationally

- Multilateral arms control, disarmament, & verification regimes are keys to sustainability
- Need to promote universality of regime
- Need to promote national implementation
- Need to facilitate civil society engagement
Conclusions

- Body-contact sport – promote engagement of all stakeholders to preclude conflict
- Think outside the box – not “inside the fence” – to manage public health, socio-economic, and environmental impacts
- Facilitate at all levels, ideally with outside, neutral facilitator, to build consensus
- Show me the money – Adequate funding is key to a successful project
Conclusions (continued)

- Make project a win-win, not win-lose, for all stakeholders. Do no harm.
- Promote transparency and involve both civil society and media.
- Engage at all levels – local, regional, national, and international, including key arms control regimes.
- Make integral to RFPs and projects.
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