

**Joint Statement of Intent
Between
The Department of Energy of the United States of America
And
The Joint Institute for Nuclear Research at Dubna**

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE) and the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR), hereinafter referred to as the Participants, have a mutual interest in strengthening cooperation in particle and nuclear physics;

WHEREAS, the Participants desire to commence science and technology cooperation in accord with new political, economic and social realities;

WHEREAS, the Participants recognize that cooperation in these areas is beneficial for both countries and the advancement of science;

RECOGNIZING, the long and successful collaboration on numerous experiments and other scientific activities in the fields of particle physics and nuclear physics between JINR and Argonne National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, as well as other US scientific centers and universities;

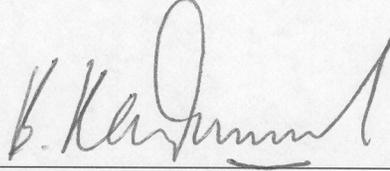
DESIRING to formulate further joint research activities and cooperation using experimental facilities and research laboratories of the Parties;

THEREFORE, the Participants declare their intention to promote joint activities in the above-mentioned areas.

Signed at Dubna, April 23, 2002.



For the U.S. Department of Energy



For the Joint Institute for
Nuclear Research at Dubna