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Ukraine Chemical Security Forum

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Executive summary

The Ukraine Chemical Security Forum (UCSF) will examine the concept, implementation and outcomes of the Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program (ICSSP) in Ukraine, a joint undertaking of the Ukrainian Chemists Union, OSCE and ICCSS launched in early 2015 to enhance Ukraine's CBRN security. The forum will be co-organized by the Ukrainian Chemists Union and the ICCSS with the support of the OSCE as part of the ICSSP.

The forum will engage the UCSF networks of contacts within Eastern Europe and international counterparts to facilitate communication and cooperation to reduce threats and mitigate risks in the region. The forum will promote the regional market for technologies and equipment to implement chemical safety and security measures at national level. It will foster contacts and cooperation among officials responsible for CBRN security in the region to stem proliferation and terrorism threats.

I. Introduction to the ICSSP in Ukraine

a. Goals and objectives

1. The ICSSP aims to enhance chemical safety and security in Ukraine and to foster collaborative frameworks between Ukraine, OSCE, UNODA and other international partners for effective action to ensure chemical safety and security and the protection of critical infrastructure in Ukraine.
2. The core objective is to improve Ukraine's capabilities in the prevention of, preparedness for and response to the misuse of chemicals, and to enhance the security of chemical materials and associated facilities and transport. The program will introduce modern solutions and coordinated approaches to enhance critical infrastructure protection in Ukraine.

b. Detailed objectives

1. To support Ukraine's efforts to raise awareness and improve chemical security and safety by assessing existing national capacities, adopting best practices, and fostering cooperation among international and national partners.
2. To enhance national measures for chemical security, taking into account the requirements of UNSCR 1540 and other relevant international treaties, regimes and arrangements.

3. To forge a multi-stakeholder approach to chemical security in Ukraine with chemical industries, science, academia and civil society; engaging financial institutions; and actively collaborating with regional and international organizations including the OSCE, EU, UN, OPCW, Interpol, and the ICCSS.
4. To instigate a broader discussion on CBRN risks in Ukraine's changing security environment and catalyse a comprehensive response to address these risks.

c. Anticipated outcomes of the ICSSP

1. The program will enhance national chemical safety and security in Ukraine through capacity-building, best practices exchanges, cooperation between specialists, improving inter-organizational coordination with international partners, and upgrading regulatory standards, law enforcement, crisis management and assistance in cases of emergencies.
2. The program will strengthen Ukraine's national capacities to meet the risks of chemical incidents and misuse of chemicals, and to mobilize rapid and coordinated assistance from international organizations to respond to such accidents or misuse.

d. International coordination

The Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine is coordinated internationally by the ICCSS. The ICCSS serves as a multi-stakeholder chemical safety and security forum for exploring sustainable ways and means of sharing knowledge and best practices and promoting public-private enterprises in all areas of chemical activities.

e. Ukraine Chemical Security

1. The critical areas for enhancing peaceful chemical activities and preventing misuse of toxic chemicals in Ukraine are border and customs controls, and the transportation/transit of toxic chemicals and their use by small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The ICSSP therefore focuses on developing effective border and customs controls, and improving control of transportation and transit of toxic chemicals, which requires international support.
2. Development of the ICSSP has also shown that effective border and customs controls and control of transportation and transit of toxic chemicals in Ukraine requires cooperation and sharing experience among institutions and officials in other countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

f. Objectives of the Ukraine Chemical Security Forum

1. To familiarize participants with recent developments and new risk factors in chemical activities which increase proliferation threats;
2. To identify best approaches to support the development of national CBRN policies, optimise the sharing and use of CBRN capabilities, develop guidelines, and collect and share best practices, with an emphasis on the chemical area;
3. To assess the benefits of introducing permanent training and education of staff at the national level and in regional and international organisations regarding implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention and of UNSCR 1540 in the chemical domain;
4. To bring together for these discussions representatives from international organizations including the OPCW, 1540 Committee, UNODA, WHO, EU, NATO, Interpol, WCO, UNICRI and

UNODC, with their counterparts in regional organisations, national governments, industry and academic associations.

5. To familiarise participants with the latest equipment and training opportunities in chemical safety and security that are available on the market.

g. Expected outcomes of the Forum

1. The forum will bring together a broad spectrum of institutions, organizations and stakeholders to participate in and benefit from knowledge gained in the Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine.

2. The forum will educate European countries in the requirements for effective prevention of, preparedness for and response to misuse of toxic chemicals, and provide insights for establishing sound non-proliferation policies and chemical security culture.

3. The forum will enrich the ICSSP training and education scheme for raising awareness, teaching training skills and know-how, and transferring best practices in chemical safety and security, and feed into preparation of the training curricula.

h. Relevance for Central and Eastern Europe countries

1. The forum will provide guidance to Central and Eastern European countries in building their own capacities to enhance chemical safety and security and thereby prevent re-emergence of chemical weapons, counter CBRN proliferation and reduce the threat of misuse of toxic chemicals.

i. Relevance for international organisations

1. The forum will showcase how international organisations can provide and effectively coordinate their assistance for countries to establish sound management of CBRN agents, and to promote higher national and industry standards and practices for the safe and secure handling of CBRN agents.

2. The forum will offer potential avenues of participation for international organisations to support the Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine. By supporting the ICSSP, international organisations will become partners of governments and chemical industry to ensure safe and secure handling of CBRN agents.

j. Relevance to the OPCW and Chemical Weapons Convention

1. By examining the approach of the ICSSP in Ukraine, the forum may suggest more effective ways for countries in the region to fulfil the CWC provisions regarding national implementation and assistance and protection against chemical weapons. The forum will increase participants' awareness about the requirements and best practices for CWC implementation, chemical non-proliferation and chemical security.

2. The forum will stress the necessity of working together in multi-stakeholder partnerships under the OPCW policy umbrella. It will develop recommendations for how to organize international support from governments and international organisations to enhance the implementation of the CWC and UNSCR 1540.

3. The results of the forum will be promoted internationally with an emphasis on the OPCW as a platform for cooperation in chemical safety and security between all relevant stakeholders.

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Draft Agenda

09.00 - 1030 Opening session

- Opening statement by the Polish and Ukraine authorities
- Keynote statement on the implementation of the Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program (ICSSP) in Ukraine in the strengthening the national and regional security and potential to respond to the growing threat of terrorism, as well as to increase their capacity to deal with toxic chemicals and wastes;
- International efforts to support chemical safety and security, importance of the CWC, UNSCR 1540 (2004) and the relevant national and international arrangements

11.00 – 13.00 **Session 1: Importance of building sustainable and continued approaches for national and international efforts to enhance chemical safety and security, mitigate the proliferation threats and enhance CBRN security**

Presentations from the key national stakeholders and international organisations, followed by discussion

14.00 – 17.00 **Session 2: Recent trends and developments in the areas of chemical safety and security and national and industry responses; promoting development of national and international expertise and training in the areas of chemical security**

Session 3: programmes and practices of the relevant industries, science, academia and NGO's, and their cooperation; capacity building and Ukraine training needs, followed by discussion