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Conclusions from the Second Warsaw Conference

Reducing chemical threats and enhancing chemical safety and security

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- 1.** The Second Warsaw Conference on reducing chemical threats and enhancing chemical safety and security was organized by the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS), the Ministry of Economy, and Scientific and Research Centre for Fire Protection.
- 2.** The conference was attended by Polish and international participants from the US, Ukraine, Italy, Czech Republic, Japan, Iran, Russia, South Africa, Egypt, Morocco, international organizations (the European Union and OSCE), and NGOs (VERTIC and Green Cross International). The participants represented government agencies, chemical industry, academia and research institutions, and included independent experts who actively cooperate in the development of chemical safety.
- 3.** The conference noted significant progress in the implementation of arrangements and programs agreed during the first Warsaw Conference, including: development of Polish chemical safety and security capacity in production, research, chemical transport, transfer and storage of energy; development of the unique international Kenyan Project on Chemical Safety and Security, which contributes to the objectives of the “Go Africa” programme; development of a technology and production platform for chemical safety and security; development of the initiative “Local Awareness and Responsibility in the Chemical Safety” to promote chemical safety and security at the local level; preparations for the Global Summit on Chemical Safety and Security and accompanying international fair (www.chemss2015.org) in line with the recommendation of the first Warsaw Conference.
- 4.** The conference participants confirmed, in view of the worldwide development of chemical industry and trade and of global access to chemicals, that the security of manufacturing, infrastructure and supply chain of chemicals, energy sources and carriers has become a priority for governments, chemical industry and communities where chemical activities are conducted, as well as for scientific and non-governmental organisations.
- 5.** The Warsaw Conference participants confirmed that Poland possesses the relevant capabilities and potential to develop chemical safety and security as an area of Polish expertise at the global level.

- 6.** The Conference participants recognized a significant increase in the number of national and international ICCSS partners in implementing programs to strengthen chemical safety.
- 7.** The Conference participants recognized and supported the role of the ICCSS in offering chemical security solutions based on sustainability, continuity and modern management in the whole range of chemical activities, including storage, transportation and transmission of chemicals and energy carriers. International partners, governments, organisations and chemical industry have actively supported the Centre in jointly developing international programmes to enhance chemical security at national and regional levels. The Centre actively promotes global chemical security culture.
- 8.** The Conference participants confirmed growing interaction and exchanges on the existing capabilities and potential of the Polish and international partners from governments, industry, science and technology in the areas of chemical security and environmental protection.
- 9.** The Conference participants welcomed the preparations for the Global Summit on Chemical Safety and Security and international fair (Chemss2015).
- 10.** The Conference provided an excellent opportunity to strengthen cooperation between the international and Polish partners to explore new ideas and programmes to enhance chemical safety and security as well as environmental protection.