National round table meeting

On the capabilities in the domain of chemical safety and security and the development of an Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine, including Promotion of the Implementation of UNSCR 1540

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Recommendations

for the implementation of Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program (ICSSP) in Ukraine

The National round table, convened on 11-12 December, 2014, on the initiative of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU), and the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security in Poland (ICCSS), with an active support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, gathered a multi-stakeholder representation from the Ukrainian government agencies, chemical industry, academia and civil society, the international organizations, including the OSCE, EU, UN, INTERPOL, OPCW, the invited governments, and NGOs.

The participants of the National round table endorse the OSCE initiative to launch the ICSSP (concept attached) in Ukraine and recognise the importance of cooperation between all stakeholders at national and international level in the area of chemical safety and security, including public authorities, private sector, chemical industry, academia, civil society and NGOs.

The participants of the National round table invite the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU), and the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security in Poland (ICCSS), to continue to lead the international efforts in the development, implementation and promotion of the ICSSP.

The participants of the National round table agree that the ICSSP would support and should be developed and implemented within the Ukraine integration efforts.

The participants the National round table welcome the offers and proposals for cooperation presented by the international stakeholders during the National round table to be further considered in the ICSSP development and implementation.

The national and international partners are invited to support the activities and projects within the ICSSP development and implementation through voluntary contributions and the provision of expertise, existing best practices, regulatory standards, and capacity-building.

As the result of discussions the participants of the National round table propose the direction of efforts and available resources to promote and support the following activities and initiatives in the framework of ICSSP, as proposed by the OSCE, with the emphasis on chemical safety and security capacity building, best practices exchanges, cooperation between the specialists, introduction of regulatory standards, law enforcement, crisis management and assistance in cases of emergencies and promotion of chemical safety and security culture in Ukraine:

- 1. Support of the implementation of international obligations of Ukraine in the sphere of chemical security including UNSCR 1540 and CWC and other international instruments
- 2. Revise the Ukrainian chemical security policy ("Concept of increasing the level of chemical security")

- 3. Improve national chemical security legislation and corresponding regulatory framework, aligning it with international regulations and effective practices
- 4. Carry out a comprehensive review of implementation practices, capacities and first-priority needs in the area of chemical security in Ukraine
- 5. Support improvement of technical capabilities of state agencies on detection, prevention and response to chemical threats (State Emergency Service; Ministry of Defense; State Border Guard Service; Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment). Appropriate training of new equipment users.
- 6. Establish interagency coordination body to coordinate implementation of chemical security policy
- 7. Train relevant governmental agencies, chemical industry, chemical laboratories, and academia on safe and secure management of chemicals and response to emergency situations (on a "train the trainer" basis)
- 8. Study and disseminate international experience and training of specialists on physical security of chemical facilities as a part of critical national infrastructure
- 9. Establish reference laboratories for analysis and identification of chemicals
- 10. Upgrade and modernize technical capacities of laboratories for monitoring of environmental pollution by chemicals; and installation of automated early detection and population warning systems on emergency situations at the industrial facilities.
- 11. Acquire appropriate storage and destruction capacities for unrecognized chemicals
- 12. Raising public awareness on safe and secure management of chemicals and promotion of comprehensive chemical security culture including local awareness and responsibility programs
- 13. Assist overcoming consequences of the damage to critical infrastructure in areas affected by hostilities and sabotage
- 14. Promote security of cross-border transit and domestic transportation of chemicals
- 15. Promote safe management of chemical wastes and their disposal.