



International Narcotics Control Board
Monitoring and Supporting Governments' compliance
with the international drug control treaties

*Operational Recommendations on
cross-cutting issues in addressing and
countering the world drug problem:
NPS, precursors and pre-precursors*

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5) Addressing NPS, ..., the diversion of precursors and pre-precursors ...



(5b) Promote cross-border cooperation and information-sharing ...

→ INCB Projects Prism, Cohesion & ION

(5c) Establish and strengthen partnerships and information exchange with industries, ... and other relevant private sector entities, ...

→ INCB *Guidelines for a Voluntary Code of Practice for the Chemical Industry*, and model memorandum of understanding between governments and private sector partners

New Psychoactive Substances

(5g) Enhance bilateral, subregional, regional and international cooperation in the identification and reporting of ... incidents involving [NPS]...;

→ INCB Project ION

Precursors and pre-precursors

(5l) Strengthen national, regional and international monitoring of chemicals used in the illicit manufacture of drugs and NPS ...;

→ INCB tools: Project Prism & Cohesion, PICS, PEN Online

(5m) ... enhance voluntary efforts, including ... in cooperation with relevant industries ...

INCB's OPERATIONAL PROJECTS

VOLUNTARY COOPERATION

Provide infrastructure for:

- **Real-time information and intelligence-sharing (PICS, IONICS)**
- **Collaboration between authorities of concerned countries to assist investigations and devise practical solutions**
- **Identification of key manufacturers and distribution hubs**



ADDRESSING NON-SCHEDULED SUBSTANCES

- Share, and follow up on, *actionable* information (Project Prism/ Cohesion/ ION):
 - Invest in the timely and systematic collection and sharing of information → build up cases
 - Inform the authorities of transit and destination countries of known outbound shipments, so that those authorities may take action on incoming shipments.
 - Notify substances which have no currently recognized legitimate use beyond limited R&D.
- Explore the full potential of voluntary cooperation between national authorities and *all* relevant industries and trades of all sizes and at all levels:
 - Establish arrangements whereby domestic operators will systematically report cases of suspicion; and whereby denied requests/orders will be followed up & shared.
 - Explore twinning activities between countries with established voluntary industry cooperation mechanisms and those wanting to develop them.
- Give higher priority to law enforcement cooperation / joint investigations, as an effective form of prevention of serious illicit activity.
- Stop relying solely on scheduling individual substances → Explore innovative approaches, e.g.: reversal of burden of proof (NPS, precursors), “immediate precursors”



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