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”
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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