



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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