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### Identifying, Tracking and Controlling Drug Precursor Products - Governments and Enterprises Joining Forces

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The increased number of facilities detected and the manufacturing of a wider range of drugs reflect the scaling-up of efforts by criminals to produce drugs closer to consumer markets in order to evade anti-trafficking measures. Traditional key precursor products needed to produce synthetic drugs appear to be increasingly better monitored and controlled. However, this has led to the development of new 'designer precursors'. Overall, notifications of suspicious transactions remains limited in comparison to the suspected scale of diversion. The diversity and legal use of precursor products make it difficult to increase precursor control. Furthermore, the diversion of precursors has significant and more serious effects as dumping of these products can have catastrophic and long-lasting consequences on the environment. Given these developments drug precursor control has now become a cornerstone of drug policies in Europe and the Americas. To be effective, drug policy responses need to be developed in close cooperation with private sector chemical industries.

### Programme

Opening remarks by Elena Hedoux, Senior Programme Officer, Council of Europe - Pompidou Group and Angela Crowdy, Assistant Executive Secretary, Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, Organization of American States

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Closing remarks by Elena Hedoux