

Information Note¹

Event: 2017 Global Summit on Chemical Safety and Security (CHEMSS 2017)
Organizers: International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security (ICCSS) and
China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF)

Date and Venue: 19-20 September 2017, Shanghai, China

Participants: 300 representatives from government, international and regional organisations, industry, academia and civil society in the field of chemical safety and security.

UN entities, international/regional organisations: United Nations Environment Programme, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), OSCE Project Coordination Unit in Ukraine, and 1540 Committee Group of Experts

Background

Resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to take and enforce, inter alia, effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials and developing and maintaining appropriate effective measures to account for and secure such items in production, use, storage or transport, as well as developing and maintaining appropriate effective physical protection measures. Further resolution 2325 (2016), in its operative paragraph 12 particularly “notes the need for more attention on: enforcement measures relating to biological, **chemical** and nuclear weapons...accounting for and securing related materials; and national export and transshipment measures”. In the same resolution the Security Council encourages the Committee to participate in events that engage civil society and industry (operative paragraph 29).

CHEMSS 2017 Summit was built on the work accomplished at the first global summit CHEMSS 2016. A 1540 Expert participated in the CHEMSS 2016 in Kielce, Poland. A Joint Communiqué on Expanding Cooperation between the International Centre for ICCSS and China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation (CPCIF) was adopted during the Summit 2016. It was agreed that the ICCSS-coordinated “Local Awareness and Responsibility” program will be implemented in China. The Chinese delegation invited Polish and international partners to further cooperation in development of the local chemical security program, with ICCSS as a point of contact. Chinese partners confirmed their strategic partnership in the preparation and conduct of future CHEMSS Summits.

The Summit offered the 1540 Committee Expert an opportunity to present and promote the implementation of resolution 1540 obligations in the context of chemical security.

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Highlights

The second Global Chemical Safety and Security Summit CHEMSS 2017, organised together with the yearly conference of Chinese chemical and petrochemical industry CPCIC 2017, brought together over 300 representatives from different sectors of chemical safety and security, was a forum for fruitful discussions and has resulted in concrete action to improve the capacity-building and experience-sharing among chemical industries. The Summit acquainted participants with the best practices, capacity building and programmes enhancing chemical safety and security. This was achieved through numerous sessions, case study analyses as well as through sharing of best practices. The Summit demonstrated that chemical safety and security, including the development, production and full supply chain of chemicals are of increasing importance for governments, chemical industry, and the users of chemicals.

Additional Comments

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