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44. AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO SOUND MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN "MULTIPURPOSE" CHEMICALS AND DUAL-USE MATERIALS IN CROATIA

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ABSTRACT

Croatia is a country experiencing economic and post-war reconstruction. Being a Central-European, Mediterranean and South Eastern European country, Croatia is neighbouring the still unstable part of Europe.

Its chemical industry is widely diversified, and it is predominantly dependent on the imported raw materials, mostly chemicals. Croatia is also rapidly developing its tourism and transport industry as important economic sectors.

To strengthen the security in the widest sense, especially to prevent global crime and terrorism, as well as improve its integration into global economy, Croatia has signed numerous international agreements that regulate the control and handling of certain (multipurpose) goods and chemicals (Chemical Weapons Convention/CWC/, Montreal Convention etc.). In addition, Croatia is very active in finalising the work on entering into several others (Rotterdam /PIC/Convention) or participate very active in preparing, for example, Stockholms /POPs/Convention, Protocol of BTWC.

In order to enable it to fulfill its international obligations in a timely and professional manner and adopt an integrated, more efficient and transparent approach to the sound management of chemicals, Croatia should revise its national implementing legislation and institutional organization, as current administrative and executive potential as well as financial strength are limited.

The paper illustrates existing practices as well as discuss options for future work.

KEY WORDS

Chemical industry (wide diversification of production and products), prevention of global (universal) crime and terrorism, international agreements, national implementing legislation, sound management of certain "multipurpose" chemicals