

## FREEDOM OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE

The American Chemical Society (ACS), the world's largest scientific society, is concerned about limitations on openness in scientific exchange.

Science and scholarship flourish when scientists collaboratively pursue and publish research and communicate without externally imposed impediment, limitation, or restriction. It is important for organizations that represent scientists and educators to advocate the most open and fair exchange among scientists without limitations imposed by national and global political concerns.

ACS believes scientists should work vigorously and inclusively to create occasions for scientific communities to convene, to discuss topics of mutual interest, and to build scientific networks. It is through such networks that scientific collaboration can grow and be sustained over time for the benefit of all humankind.

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The American Chemical Society (ACS) Board of Directors Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations adopted this statement on behalf of the Society at the recommendation of the International Activities Committee. ACS is a non-profit scientific and educational organization, chartered by Congress, with nearly 157,000 chemical scientists and engineers as members. The world's largest scientific society, ACS advances the chemical enterprise, increases public awareness of chemistry, and brings its expertise to state and national matters.

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