Current Nanotechnology Foreign Policy Issues

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NSET Subcommittee

- Nanoscale Science Engineering and Technology (NSET) subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council
  - 20+ Federal agencies coordinating nanotechnology research and activities (11 funding agencies)
  - Guides the National Nanotechnology Initiative ($1B / yr)
  - National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO)
- NSET working groups
  - NILI: Industrial Liaison
  - NEHI: Environmental Health and Toxicology
  - NPEG: Public Engagement
  - GIN: Global Issues in Nanotechnology

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GIN Working Group

- Focuses on coordinating nanotechnology foreign policy and international activities
- Issues under consideration
  - Responsible development of nanotechnology
  - Export control and licensing issues
  - International Standards (ISO)
  - Global fora (OECD, etc)
  - International benchmarking
  - Bilateral relations
  - Advancing US policy (e.g. New Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate)

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