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"Good governance of nanotechnologies will have to go beyond policy making focused on legislative action. Through codes of conduct, governments can allocate tasks and roles to all actors involved in technological development, thereby organizing collective responsibility for the field".

"Deliberative approaches to nanotechnology should not be reduced to a public debate exercise. While such debate is important, the responsible development of nanosciences and technologies also requires deliberative approaches to the technology assessment mechanisms of the policy process (such as cost-benefit analysis, foresight exercises and risk assessments)".

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