

Supporting Information

**Photolytic Insertion of Carbon Monoxide into Nitrosyl Chloride:
Formation of Nitrosoformyl Chloride**

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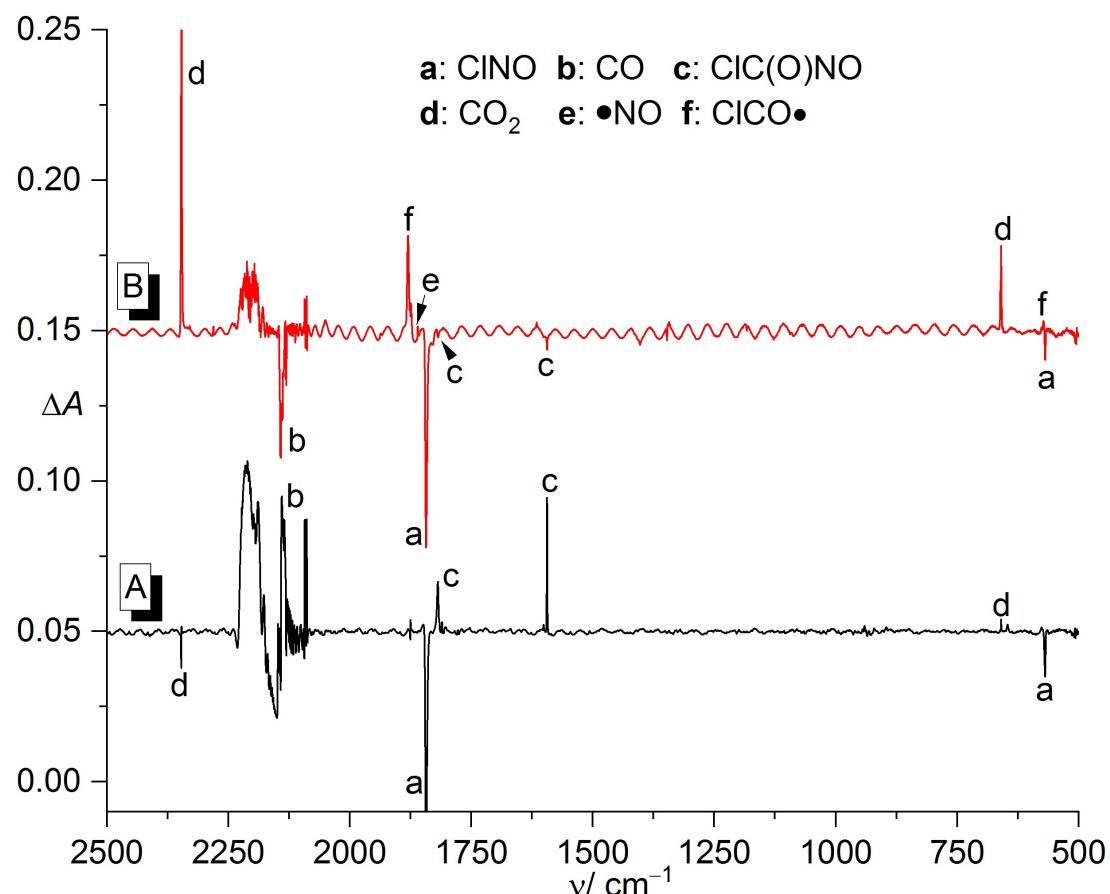


Fig. S1 (A) IR difference spectrum reflecting the changes of the CINO/CO (1 : 1000) mixture upon irradiation upon 266 nm (5 min) at 20 K. (B) IR difference spectrum reflecting the change of the same matrix upon subsequent irradiation at 193 nm (10 min).

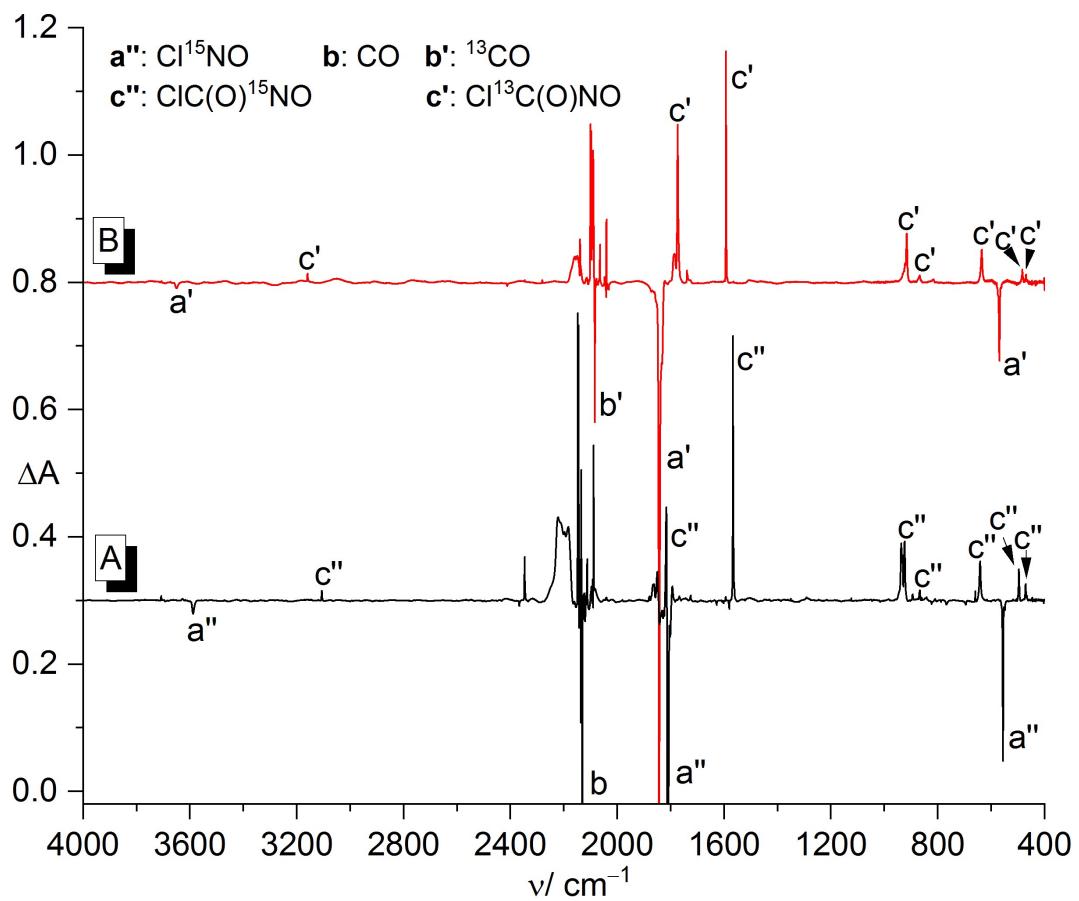


Fig. S2 (A) IR difference spectrum reflecting the changes of the $\text{Cl}^{15}\text{NO}/\text{CO}$ (1 : 1000) mixture upon irradiation at 365 nm (50 min) at 20 K. (B) IR difference spectrum (4000–400 cm^{-1}) reflecting the changes of the $\text{ClNO}/^{13}\text{CO}$ (1 : 1000) mixture upon irradiation at 365 nm (50 min) at 20 K.

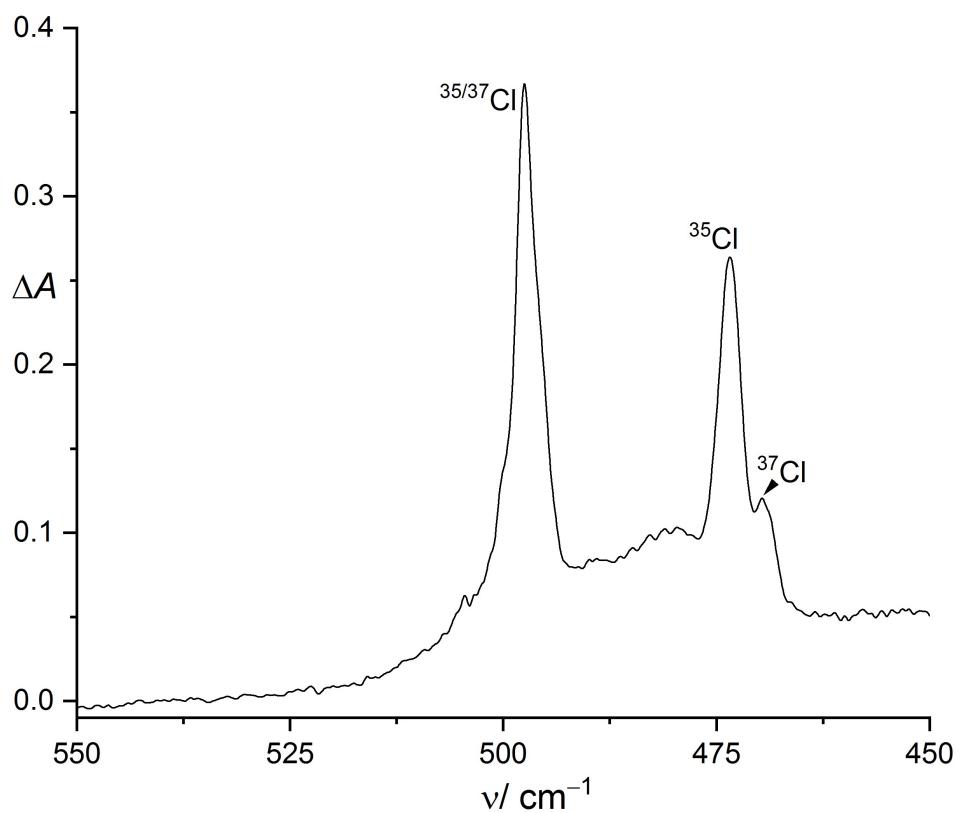


Fig. S3 Part of the IR spectrum for the two IR bands of CIC(O)NO in the range of 550–450 cm^{-1} . The most prominent bands of $^{35/37}\text{Cl}$ isotopomer is indicated.

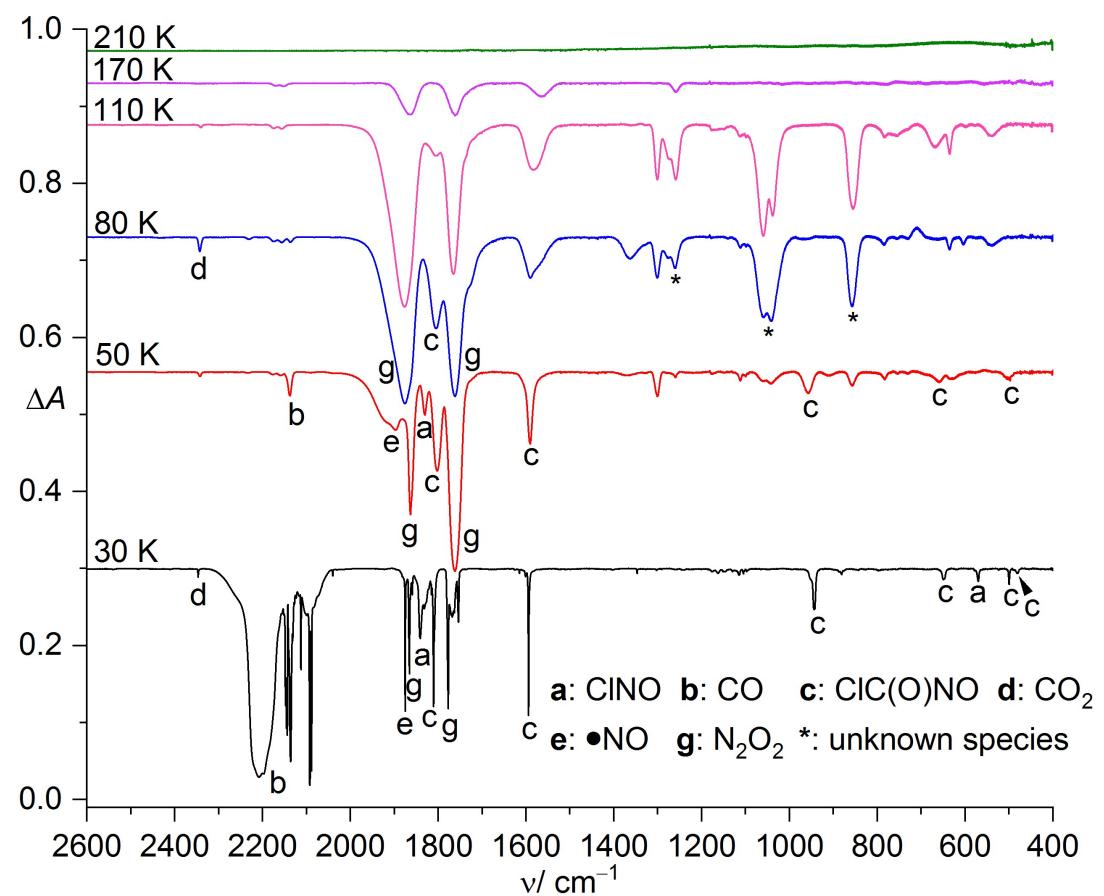


Fig. S4 IR spectra of the photolysis products of CINO in solid CO at different temperatures.

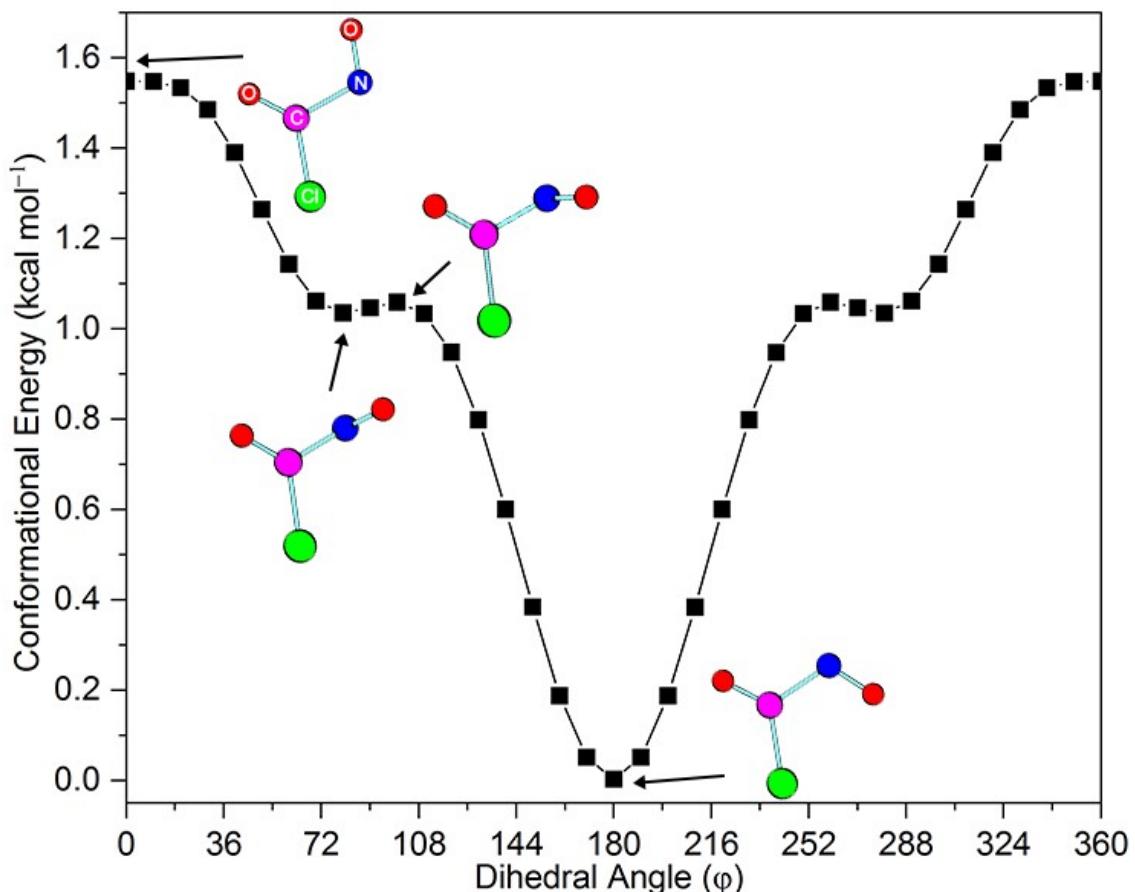


Fig. S5 Relaxed potential energy scan graph of CIC(O)NO. The calculations were fully relaxed simulations, with geometry optimisations at each fixed dihedral at a scan rate of 10 degrees in 36 steps to cover the entire 360 degrees at the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df) level.

Table S1. B3LYP/6-311+G(3df) calculated IR frequencies ($> 400 \text{ cm}^{-1}$) and intensities (km mol $^{-1}$, in parentheses) of CIC(O)NO and its isomers.

| <i>trans</i> -CIC(O)NO | | <i>cis</i> -CIC(O)NO | | non-planar CIC(O)NO | | CIONCO | CIC(O)ON | CICNO ₂ | CICNOO |
|------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|
| normal | guess=mix | normal | guess=mix | normal | guess=mix | | | | |
| 1890 (328) | 1889 (328) | 1894 (302) | 1888 (299) | 1874 (350) | 1874 (351) | 2238 (948) | 1954 (611) | 1589 (298) | 1730 (39) |
| 1713 (152) | 1684 (152) | 1718 (207) | 1679 (202) | 1659 (135) | 1659 (135) | 1310 (39) | 1858 (546) | 1389 (90) | 1044 (90) |
| 909 (127) | 854 (127) | 891 (245) | 884 (609) | 850 (137) | 851 (135) | 854 (16) | 707 (396) | 956 (49) | 943 (17) |
| 633 (51) | 620 (51) | 699 (14) | 609 (9) | 825 (67) | 824 (64) | 701 (26) | 532 (< 1) | 844 (52) | 689 (146) |
| 495 (17) | 498 (17) | 466 (17) | 470 (16) | 503 (65) | 504 (64) | 621 (32) | 404 (31) | 752 (65) | 584 (249) |
| 462 (34) | 444 (34) | 461 (16) | 467 (16) | 423 (5) | 423 (5) | 588 (17) | | 563 (4) | 431 (81) |

Table S2. Calculated $^{35/37}\text{Cl}$ isotopic shifts of *trans*-CIC(O)NO.

| B3LYP ^a ν_{harm} | Obs ^b matrix | $\Delta \nu(^{35/37}\text{Cl})$ Cal ^c | Mode ^d |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1890 (328) | 1818.8 (vs) | 0.0 | A', ν_1 , $\nu(\text{CO})$ |
| 1713 (152) | 1594.0 (vs) | 0.0 | A', ν_2 , $\nu(\text{NO})$ |
| 909 (127) | 940.3 (s) | 0.2 | A', ν_3 , $\nu(\text{CN})$ |
| 633 (51) | 646.4 (m) | 0.1 | A', ν_4 , $\delta_{\text{i.p.}}(\text{CNO})$ |
| 495 (17) | 497.5 (m) | 0.1 | A'', ν_5 , $\delta_{\text{o.o.p.}}(\text{CICO})$ |
| 462 (34) | 473.4 (vw) | 4.9 | A', ν_6 , $\nu(\text{CCI})$ |
| 399 (14) | n.o. ^e | 1.7 | A', ν_7 , $\delta_{\text{i.p.}}(\text{OCN})$ |
| 233 (< 1) | n.o. | 2.5 | A', ν_8 , $\delta_{\text{i.p.}}(\text{CICN})$ |
| 81 (1) | n.o. | 0.1 | A'', ν_9 , $\tau(\text{OCNO})$ |

^aB3LYP/6-311+G(3df) calculated IR frequencies and intensities (km mol⁻¹, in parentheses). ^bObserved band positions in CO-matrix and the relative intensities (vs: very strong, s: strong, m: medium, w: weak, vw: very weak).

^cIsotopic shifts calculated at the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df) level. ^dAssignment of the vibrational modes based on the calculated vibrational displacement vectors at the B3LYP/6-311+G(3df) level. ^eThe abbreviation "n.o." denotes "not observed".

Table S3. TD B3LYP/6-311+G(3df) calculated vertical transitions of CIC(O)NO.

| <i>trans</i> | | <i>cis</i> | | non-planar | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| energy (nm) | oscillator strength (<i>f</i>) | energy (nm) | oscillator strength (<i>f</i>) | energy (nm) | oscillator strength (<i>f</i>) |
| 307 | 0.0050 | 946 | 0.0002 | 307 | 0.0050 |
| 254 | 0.0125 | 303 | 0.0001 | 253 | 0.0125 |
| 243 | 0.0026 | 260 | 0.0001 | 243 | 0.0025 |
| 225 | 0.0005 | 259 | 0.0146 | 225 | 0.0005 |
| 207 | 0.0955 | 246 | 0.0003 | 207 | 0.0955 |
| 204 | 0.0016 | 202 | 0.1565 | 204 | 0.0017 |
| 180 | 0.0081 | 180 | 0.0224 | 180 | 0.0080 |
| 178 | 0.0055 | 172 | 0.0008 | 178 | 0.0053 |
| 177 | 0.0020 | 163 | 0.0656 | 177 | 0.0020 |

Calculated atomic coordinates and energies for all optimized structures

trans-CIC(O)NO

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|
| O | 1.53844100 | -1.09552400 | 0.00000000 |
| N | 1.48150100 | 0.07806900 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 0.00000000 | 0.64562600 | 0.00000000 |
| Cl | -1.25472400 | -0.59415900 | 0.00000000 |
| O | -0.16846600 | 1.80558200 | 0.00000000 |

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Zero-point correction= | 0.015312 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.020556 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.021500 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.014539 |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= | -703.505236 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= | -703.499992 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.499048 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.535087 |

cis-CIC(O)NO

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|------------|
| O | 2.17409800 | -0.36023000 | 0.00000000 |
| N | 1.09203100 | -0.81731000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 0.00000000 | 0.37465800 | 0.00000000 |
| Cl | -1.59889900 | -0.33864400 | 0.00000000 |
| O | 0.26803500 | 1.51400200 | 0.00000000 |

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| Zero-point correction= | 0.015268 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.020589 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.021534 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.015659 |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= | -703.504466 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= | -703.499144 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.498199 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.535392 |

non-planar CIC(O)NO

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O | 1.90071500 | -0.68795300 | -0.34539800 |
| N | 1.18563600 | -0.32531100 | 0.53246800 |
| C | 0.01389400 | 0.50816900 | 0.06019500 |
| Cl | -1.41810300 | -0.50816000 | -0.03624700 |
| O | 0.06490200 | 1.67131300 | -0.08863400 |

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| Zero-point correction= | 0.015314 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.020557 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.021501 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.014530 |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= | -703.505234 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= | -703.499991 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.499047 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.535078 |

CICNOO

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | -0.44132100 | 0.08315200 | 0.43744100 |
| Cl | -2.01120800 | -0.13743500 | -0.07433800 |
| N | 0.53459100 | 0.54222100 | -0.13609100 |
| O | 1.82192200 | 0.50048800 | -0.01802600 |
| O | 2.31511900 | -0.74524600 | -0.03300700 |

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|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Zero-point correction= | 0.013655 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.018888 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.019832 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.015595 |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= | -703.316524 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= | -703.311291 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.310346 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.345773 |

CIONCO

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| N | 0.59142800 | -0.69605800 | -0.43220000 |
| C | 1.54746200 | -0.00705600 | -0.04968300 |
| O | 2.53828400 | 0.55826900 | 0.13007300 |
| O | -0.54186700 | -0.80154300 | 0.37446500 |
| Cl | -1.72918200 | 0.40358500 | -0.04193000 |

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| Zero-point correction= | 0.015724 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.020838 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.021783 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.014007 |
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| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.458714 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.494504 |

CICNO₂

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 0.28385400 | -0.00198000 | 0.85666100 |
| Cl | 1.60565600 | 0.00029400 | -0.17405900 |
| N | -0.93029200 | 0.00019200 | 0.06821900 |
| O | -1.40520200 | 1.09449400 | -0.16547800 |
| O | -1.40570200 | -1.09380200 | -0.16683400 |

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| Zero-point correction= | 0.015291 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.020187 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.021131 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.013534 |
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| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.380507 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.415172 |

TS1

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O | -1.80724800 | -0.77916600 | -0.33702000 |
| N | -1.26280900 | -0.15987500 | 0.51840200 |
| C | -0.00265300 | 0.54758700 | 0.05266400 |
| Cl | 1.35908100 | -0.56381900 | -0.01132600 |
| O | 0.02614900 | 1.70648100 | -0.13201100 |

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| Zero-point correction= | 0.015207 |
| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.019605 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.020549 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.013075 |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= | -703.505305 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= | -703.500907 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.499963 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.533587 |

TS2

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O | -2.04314300 | -0.46815600 | -0.31758800 |
| N | -1.27109400 | -0.32749900 | 0.47847600 |
| C | 0.63487800 | -0.86860600 | 0.02845800 |
| Cl | 0.49714700 | 1.33325500 | -0.02859500 |
| O | 1.62275400 | -1.42699400 | -0.06165800 |

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| Zero-point correction= | 0.013575 |
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| Thermal correction to Energy= | 0.018990 |
| Thermal correction to Enthalpy= | 0.019935 |
| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.016084 |
| Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= | -703.478202 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= | -703.472787 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.471843 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.507861 |

TS3

B3LYP/6-311+G(3df)

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| O | 1.91348800 | -0.86838400 | -0.10915800 |
| N | 1.01411600 | -0.12657700 | 0.09451900 |
| C | -0.14881100 | 0.22216300 | 0.52055200 |
| Cl | -1.66078600 | -0.21006400 | -0.09198300 |
| O | 0.83993900 | 1.25890300 | -0.16849500 |

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| Thermal correction to Gibbs Free Energy= | -0.013584 |
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| Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= | -703.362855 |
| Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies= | -703.396337 |