

FORUM: General Assembly: Special Conference

QUESTION OF: The Issue of Legalizing Narcotics

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The United Nations Special Conference,

Alarmed by the growing use of narcotics in developed and in developing countries and by the consequences affecting the addicted,

Bearing in mind the current and ongoing fight against illegal drugs worldwide promoted and carried out by the UN and by many other international and national special organs created for this purpose,

Convinced that organized crime trafficking in narcotics is a serious threat to peace and to a sustainable economic development,

Observing that although some projects to control drugs more effectively may go against the guidelines decided by the international community, they will eventually help our nations find a solution to crimes associated with drugs,

Noting that the use of some narcotics has already been adopted by several states as a form of medical treatment for patients suffering from insomnia, acute pain and depression,

1. Calls upon the member states that do not have a national legislation concerning the legalization of drugs for medical use to establish laws that should determine:

- a) the possibility for citizens to carry and use small amounts of narcotics when prescribed by a licensed doctor,
- b) the strict control of medical prescriptions for narcotics to prevent their diversion and abuse,
- c) the possibility to obtain such prescriptions only for patients who have undergone a strict medical examination and when no other treatment is possible;

2. Encourages the developed member states to start campaigns and adopt legislation in order to control and avoid the abuse of narcotics and to decrease the demand dramatically by establishing laws that should determine:

- a) sanctions and penalties for the drug user when surprised under the influence of drugs:
 - i) while driving
 - ii) while doing a public service (health care, education)
 - iii) in public places
- b) the establishment of a register where consumers guilty of the offenses listed above may be recorded for a given period,
- c) regular medical checks that ensure the physical and mental health of people who have committed the offenses mentioned in subclause a);

3. Strongly suggests the creation and implementation of new projects to convince farmers in LEDC's and developing countries to abandon narcotic crops and convert to more traditional crops;

4. Calls for a better control of the illegal traffic of narcotics and the adoption of a better system of surveillance among citizens:

- a) by creating new laws in accordance with the international guidelines to regulate the illegal flow of massive quantities of drugs,
- b) by instituting a sophisticated group of intelligence officers to monitor and discover criminal business related to the traffic of narcotics,
- c) by monitoring and taking appropriate action to stop and prevent the illegal trafficking of drugs through the Internet;

5. Invites all member states to establish proper education and dissemination of information through training and awareness-raising activities in schools in order to promote adequate knowledge and availability for children and teenagers and to grant them a future outside organized gangs;

6. Requests that all states start programs aimed at making literate and illiterate citizens aware of the physical, psychological and economical consequences of narcotic abuse through the Internet, the media and local institutions;

7. Having regard of the global current economic situation, encourages all member states to allocate the money coming from the sale of assets belonging to criminal organizations to governmental institutions to fund research

- a) to improve the economic situation of countries by financing new industrial projects,
- b) to advance traditional medicine,
- c) to protect the environment by supporting the so called 'green economy';

8. Encourages the production of low-cost medicines in developing countries and LEDC's by using their raw materials (narcotics):

- a) to combat unemployment,
- b) to combat diseases,
- c) to combat crime;

9. Urges all member states to reconsider the above said clauses in future conferences and forums for further debate .

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