



American Model United Nations
Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Narcotic Drugs

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1 *Bearing in mind* alternative development as defined as a process to prevent and eliminate the illicit cultivation
2 of plants containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances through specifically designed rural development
3 measures,

4 *Defining* a drug abuse offender as one who commits an offense in violation of the laws in the state in which
5 the offense was committed,

6 *Recalling* the Ministerial Declaration on Strengthening Our Actions at the National Regional and Interna-
7 tional Levels to Accelerate the Implementation of Our Joint Commitments to Address and Counter the World Drug
8 Problem which was adopted in 2019, in which Member States made the commitment to advancing efforts on policy
9 reform,

10 *Reaffirming* the purview of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to ensure that the responsibilities covered
11 relate directly to drug control matters,

12 *Noting with concern* that production, consumption, and trafficking of prohibited substances has increased
13 dramatically since the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic
14 Substances,

15 *Acknowledging* the dangers of the illicit drug trade to citizens internationally through both drug production
16 and drug trafficking,

17 *Reiterating* the need for a global strategy that places human beings at the forefront straying away from the
18 previous focuses on advancing systems that only produce immediate financial benefits,

19 *Emphasizing* the importance of human lives and the value of protecting citizens,

20 *Noting* the success of alternative development programs targeting rural cultivators of plants used in the
21 production of narcotic drugs such as opium and poppy in countries such as Peru and Thailand,

22 *Noting further* the adverse effect the drug trade has on transit states,

23 *Reaffirming* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs' commitment to equitably support the Member States,

24 1. *Affirms* the importance of alternative development as an effective long-term solution for the illicit drug
25 trade and its associated violence;

26 2. *Encourages* developed nations to contribute financially and non-financially in an effort to combat the
27 illicit drug industry in order to further the commitment to the alternative development as a development-oriented
28 drug control strategy;

29 3. *Recommends* all Member States at risk of or currently affected by drug production create or continue
30 alternative development programs:

31 (a) Including supporting farmers in switching to non-illicit crops;

32 (b) Building up of infrastructure, including housing, health care, and education systems;

33 (c) Combating poverty through building up infrastructure and assisting farmers in entering the
34 market for non-illicit crops;

35 (d) Encourages oversight by the Office on Drugs and Crime in establishment of alternative develop-
36 ment strategies;

37 4. *Supports* penalties for drug offenders and drug traffickers:

38 (a) Aims to separate offenders and violent traffickers in the eyes of the law;

39 (b) Repressive measures should be enacted for punishment for violent drug traffickers and for the
40 reforms of these punitive policies surrounding punishment;

41 5. *Recognizes* the importance of other tactics in decreasing drug production and trafficking including:

42 (a) Aerial fumigation of illegal narcotics crops and other illicit crops;

43 (b) Social work programs that focus on reduction of harm and importance of victim-focused treat-
44 ment;

45 (c) Repressive measures taken against violent drug traffickers;

46 (d) Preventative activities aimed at education of the youth to the risk of substance use and cultiva-
47 tion;

48 6. *Considers* the introduction of incentives for those involved in the illicit drug trade to switch to non-illicit
49 crops:

50 (a) With a specific focus on regional drug issues including the reduction of the coca leaf cultivation
51 in Latin America and opium poppy in the Middle East and Asia;

52 (b) Other incentives include equipment and seeds provided without cost to farmers to plant such
53 crops as palm trees, coffee, cocoa and tea;

54 (c) Encourages the education and vocational training of farmers regarding business topics to better
55 sell and grow non-illicit crops and continue the alternative development framework.

Passed, Yes: 21 / No: 6 / Abstain: 0