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We the undersigned believe the UNGASS Outcome Document stopped short of crucial and widely supported reforms, while avoiding new realities. We call on the 60th CND to:

**Acknowledge the Ramifications of New Drug Policies**

- Clarify that "commitment to… the three international drug control conventions" does not mean these treaties, written between 28 and 56 years ago, should remain unchanged.

- Convene an "Expert Advisory Group" to study tensions in the drug control regime.

**Stand Up for Human Rights**

- Assert that nations' drug policies should be constrained by human rights norms; with special attention on racial disparities, indigenous rights, and impact on women and youth.

- Call for abolishing the death penalty for drug offenses.

**Call for a People-Centered Approach to Drug Policy**

- Explicitly endorse harm reduction and shifting resources to fund it.

- Assert the Sustainable Development Goals should both inform and constrain drug policy.

- Direct WHO to complete a Critical Review of cannabis, including rescheduling options.

**Take a Stronger Stance on Criminal Justice Reform**

- Encourage bold steps away from criminalization.

- Advocate a diverse range of alternatives to incarceration, including Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, as well as sentencing reform and other compassionate reforms.

- Advocate that regulatory approaches be considered for new psychoactive substances.

**Foster Open Dialogue**

- Structure future UN meetings to enable truly open debate.
Support the participation of civil society as well as disadvantaged, marginalized and other groups affected by drug policies, in developing, implementing and evaluating new policies.

Sincerely,

US and Global NGOs

AIDS Alabama
American Civil Liberties Union
A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing)
Ann Arbor Medical Cannabis Guild (A2MCG) (MI)
Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition (MD)
Blacks in Law Enforcement of America
Broken No More
California Cannabis Ministry
CAN-DO Foundation
Cannabis Consumers Campaign
Center for Living and Learning (CA)
Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice
Chicago Recovery Alliance
Civic Trust Public Lobbying Company
Coalition for Medical Marijuana-NJ
Criminal Justice Policy Foundation
DC Cannabis Campaign aka DCMJ
Doctors for Cannabis Regulation
Drug Policy Alliance
Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i
Drug Policy Forum of Texas
Drug Truth Network
Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
Empire State NORML (NY)
Families ACT! (CA)
Families for Sensible Drug Policy
Family Council on Drug Awareness
Golden Gate University School of Law Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Hamline University Students for Sensible Drug Policy (MN)
Harm Reduction Action Center (CO)
Harm Reduction Coalition
Harm Reduction Michigan
Help Not Handcuffs (NJ)
Hepatitis Education Project
Hep Free Hawaii
Housing Works (NY)
Human Rights and the Drug War
Humboldt Institute for Harm Reduction (CA)
Institute for Policy Studies Drug Policy Project
International Centre for Science in Drug Policy
Latino Commission on AIDS
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Law Enforcement Action Partnership
Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (CA)*
Life for Pot
Marijuana Policy Project
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Michigan NORML
mommieactivist and sons Online Radio
Moms United to End the War on Drugs
Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies
National Alliance for Medication Assisted Recovery
National Lawyers Guild, Drug Policy Committee
National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws
National Organization for Women
Project Inform
Protect Families First (RI)
Reentry Central of CT
Safe Streets Arts Foundation (DC)
San Francisco Drug Users Union
San Francisco Safety and Wellness Coalition
Sensible Colorado
StoptheDrugWar.org (DRCNet Foundation)
Students for Sensible Drug Policy
The Cannabis Alliance (WA)
The Center for Harm Reduction Therapy (CA)
The Center for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy
The CHOW Project (HI)
(T.O.P.S.) The Ordinary People Society
Transgender Law Center
Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago
University of Kentucky Students for Sensible Drug Policy
University of Texas at Austin Students for Sensible Drug Policy
University of Virginia Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Urban Survivors Union (CA, NC, WA)
Veterans for Medicinal Cannabis Access
Washington Office on Latin America
William C. Velasquez Institute (WCVI)
Women Who Never Give Up
Women With A Vision (LA)

**NGOs in Other Countries**

Action for Health Initiatives, Inc. (Philippines)
AFEW International
AIDS Foundation East-West International (AFEW)
Alliance of Women Advocating for Change (AWAC) (Uganda)
Amsterdam Drug Users Union MDHG (Netherlands)
Anyone's Child: Families for Safer Drug Control - Kenya
Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation
Beckley Foundation (United Kingdom)
Bizia Association (France)
Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
Cannabis Sans Frontières (France)
Caribbean Harm Reduction Coalition
Centro Brasileiro de Policia de Drogas - Psicotropicus
Chanvre & Liberté-- NORML France
Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign (Ireland)
Deutscher Hanfverband (DHV) - German Cannabis Association
Die Linke. Hessen- LAG Drogenpolitik (Germany)
Diogenis Association, Drug Policy Dialogue South East Europe
Double Positive Foundation (Suriname)
Društvo za Regulacij Konoplje (Slovenia)
DS Foundation East-West International (AFEW)
EcuadorCannabico
Estudiantes por una Polica Sensata de Drogas, Méco
Ethio Africa Diaspora Union Millennium Council
FAAAT.net - French Alternatives on Addiction And Toxicomanies (France, Spain)
Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform (Australia)
Fédération Addiction (France)
Fields of Green for ALL NPC (South Africa)
Foundation for Democratic Initiatives and Development (FDID) (Sierra Leone)
Ganja Growers and Producers Association of Jamaica (GGPAJ)
Hanfparade (Germany)
ICEERS Foundation (Spain, Uruguay)
India HIV/AIDS Alliance
Initiative for Health Foundation (Bulgaria)
Institute for Inner Balance (Slovenia)
Latinoaméca Reforma
Legalizace.cz (Czech Republic)
Mainline Foundation (Netherlands)
MamaCoca (Colombia)
Mambo Social Club (Belgium)
moms united and mandated to saving the lives of Drug Users (mumsDU)
Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation
NGO Comunidad Tawantinsuyu (Peru)
NoBox Transitions Foundation - Philippines
Nonviolent Radical Party transparty and transnational
NORML Norway
Norwegian Association for Safer Drug Policies
NVO 4 Life (Montenegro)
Observatorio de cultivos y cultivadores declarados ilícitos INDEPAZ (Colombia)
Plantaforma para la Defensa de la Ayahuasca (Spain)
Protestant Evangelical Church of El Salvador (IEPES)
Radicali Italiani
Reachout Centre Trust (Kenya)
REDUC - Brazilian Harm Reduction and Human Rights Network
ReverdeSer Colectivo A.C. (Mexico)
Rights Reporter Foundation (Hungary)
Romanian Harm Reduction Network
SOCIO Pakistan (Society Of Collective Interests Orientation)
Students for Sensible Drug Policy-UWI, Mona Chapter (Jamaica)
Uganda Harm Reduction Network (UHRN)
UNIDOS – Rede Nacional Sobre Drogas & HIV (Mozambique)
Union C (Nepal)
Viva Rio (Brazil, Haiti)
West Africa Drug Policy Network-Ghana Limited
Women Coalition Against Cancer in Malawi - (WOCACA)

Businesses

Center for Optimal Living (NY)
Denver Relief Consulting
Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps
Elixinol Japan
Elixinol LLC
Elixinol PTY LTD
Greenbridge Corporate Counsel (CA, WA)
Hemp Foods Australia PTY LTD
Hemp Foods Japan
Social Justice Law Collective
UDK Consultancy (Malawi)
Vicente Sederberg LLC


2 Outcome Document, at 1.


5 United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Study on the Impact of the World Drug Problem on the Enjoyment of Human Rights 2 (Human Rights Council 2015) ("The Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health has argued that when the international drug control regime and international human rights law conflict, human rights obligations should prevail."), http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CERD.aspx [hereinafter UNHCHR]; Article I of the UN Charter includes "promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all" among the fundamental purposes of the UN system: United Nations, Charter of the United Nations and Statute of the International Court of Justice 3 (1945), http://treaties.un.org/doc/publication/ctc/uncharter.pdf; and Article 103 specifies that "[i]n the event of a conflict between the obligations of the Members of the United Nations under the present Charter and their obligations under any other international agreement, their obligations under the present Charter shall prevail."); Id. at 19.

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