

CND Intersessional – 24th September 2015

Report



Main Conference Hall

Mr. Nuno Jorge has participated in the CND Intersessional meeting on the 24th September in Vienna representing OFAP. It is a one day meeting to follow up with the preparation of UNGASS of drugs.

First concern was raised as the composition of the UNGASS board does not cover enough on Asian Pacific group. The CSTF took this opportunity to share the recent recommendations among member states.

Two major tasks for the CND were discussed:

1. UNGASS Modalities resolution
2. Production of the outcome document to be recommended at UNGASS that is short, substantive concise and action orientated.

The Board of UNGASS mentioned that it is not wise to launch full fledged negotiations at this early “zero draft” stage, as it will result in a document that still comprises too many pages, the revise of draft will start in the beginning of 2016. However, a timeline is proposed to make things to schedule.

China points out the international cooperation plays an important role and should be reflected in outcome document.

CSTF emphasizes that prevention has not received enough attention. Spread and availability of harm reduction must continue and legal and ideological barriers must be broken down while more funding must be provided. Substance dependent treatment should be accessible and affordable to those who seek it. Discrimination against drug users must not prevent access to fundamental human right of health care. There should be room for greater policy experimentation for member states. Specific guidelines must be developed for young people affected by drugs that is fully aligned with other UN guidance related to children. Also gender issues must be considered in all areas of policy. Drug and alternative development has to be identified by key organizations as top priority. Concrete outcomes such as decision making, re-evaluating indicator of policy success, increase use of health based approach, improve access to controlled medicines, harm reduction and greater civil society involvement are expected from UNGASS2016.

In which on the second day, the AGM of VNGOC was held.

Mr. Esbjorn Hornberg, the vice president of OFAP, continues to chair the VNGOC. OFAP will continue to provide full support as a member of VNGOC and as an organization to fight with drugs.



President Nuno Jorge attending the conference