

## Participation in the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at the Vienna International Centre from 9 to 11 December 2015

### Report



Main conference hall

Mr. Nuno Maria Roque Jorge, President of OFAP participated in the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at the Vienna International Centre from 9 to 11 December, 2015.

This conference focused on the joint meetings of the CND and CCPCJ, the meetings of CND and the UNGASS on drugs. About the conventions for drugs, China raised an issue about the international cooperation, it has to be strengthened, and they respect sovereignty and integrity of member states, but believe that there is no “policy that fits all”, that includes death penalty.



With members of the China's Permanent Commission at the conference

### Briefing by the Civil Society Task Force for UNGASS 2016

Three points were made after the ICAD2 meeting in Thailand.

1. End forced eradication
2. The meaningful involvement of affected farmers and communities in the design and implementation of policies and programs.
3. Cannabis cultivation as a debate topic should be opened

Going to the drug prevention, most organizations work in the basic level on empowering which requires working with parents and self-awareness, self-confidence, good responses on stress which depends on the youth. However, more cooperation between different sectors of society such as CSOs, faith based organizations, government services are also playing a major role in long term for prevention programs.



Report on CSTF

Mr. Boro Goic raised on the issue for recovered users. He emphasized that we should have more than enough help (investments) from different directions include successful treatment plan, refusing stigma, successful reintegration in society to really help out recovered drug users. We have to treat drug addiction as a chronic relapsing condition.

As a summary of the Survey that was done in the summer of 2015, feedback was systematized on the five thematic areas of the UNGASS, 243 organizations responded to the survey.

1. The main issue highlighted: the greatest challenge lies on exercising autonomy in drug policy to respond to the realities of the countries in the region. It is necessary to review the drug conventions as they have failed to meet their objectives and have had collateral damages.
2. Health and Drugs: improve the rights to those healthy people who use drugs and strengthen the health system, improve access to harm reduction services.
3. Drugs and Crime: decriminalization of drug consumption, reinforcement of social policies, find alternatives to imprisonment to those who affected by drugs and improve prison conditions.
4. Drugs and human rights: create mechanisms of monitoring on rights violations.
5. Drugs and Development: advance policies based on sustainable development.

### Meeting of VNGOC



Chairman of VNGOC, Mr. Esbjorn Hornberg  
(concurrently Vice President of OFAP) with Mr. Jorge

VNGOC has developed a website for the easy access of NGOs, where it also provides opportunities for NGOs to discuss in that platform.

Ms. Mirella Frahi from UNODC expressed thanks to the help of Civil Society Team with the Civil Society Task Force and regional consultations. The next CND will be 14<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. There is also a call of side events until 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

The VNGOC meeting will be hold 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016, three days after the UNGASS discussion.

The usual dinner was hosted by OFAP with members of OFAP and dignitaries of the conference on the first day of the conference to set up the policies and engagement for the incoming year.