

“Non-governmental organizations and the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, a Briefing for NGOs and the Launch of the World Drug Report

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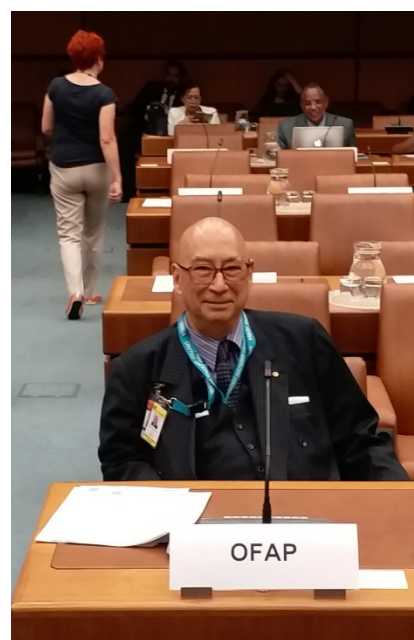
Report



Opening Remarks

The Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific (OFAP) attended the “Non-governmental organizations and the Mechanism for the Review of Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”, a Briefing for NGOs and the Launch of the World Drug Report, and the AGM of VNGOC on the 22nd June 2017 in Vienna, Austria.

The CND Chair, Ambassador of Norway has expressed his grateful for all of the good work under the conventions as his remarks. He also addressed the commemorating event of the UN International Day Against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking on that occasion. He Mentioned that the World Drug report provides us with a comprehensive overview of the developments in the world’s illicit drug markets, reliable data thus can be useful to address different problems. At the AGM of VNGOC, a proposal was made to merge the VNGOC and NYNGOC, that it would make more sense to have one global committee with several branches in different regions. However, NYNGOC is an independent organisation, and any merger would require



*Mr. Nuno Jorge, as Official
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the agreement of both organisations' boards and membership. In this context it was also proposed by some of the members present to think about renaming VNGOC to the Global NGO Committee on Drugs.

World Drug Report 2017

- Vienna launch
- By Ms. Angela Me, Chief, Research and Trend Analysts Branch
- **Health related harm**
 - Number of deaths and “healthy” years of life (DALYs) attributable to drug use, 2015
 - Hepatitis C accounts for a great harm (among people who use drugs, more die from Hepatitis C than from HIV)
 - around 29.5 million people - or 0.6 per cent of the global adult population - were engaged in problematic use and suffered from drug use disorders, including dependence
 - Opioids were the most harmful drug type and accounted for 70 per cent of the negative health impact associated with drug use disorders worldwide
 - Disorders related to the use of amphetamines also account for a considerable share of the global burden of disease
 - new psychoactive substances (NPS) users to additional serious health risks.



Launch of the World Drug Report



Open forum discussion of Income & Expenses Details

“There is much work to be done to confront the many harms inflicted by drugs to health, development, peace and security, in all regions of the world,” ----- by Mr. Fedotov.

Changing business models for drug trafficking and organized crime

- Mobile communications offers new opportunities to traffickers
- darknet allows users to anonymously buy drugs with a crypto-currency (bitcoin)
- Typical buyers are recreational users of cannabis, “ecstasy”, cocaine, hallucinogens and NPS