

Report

UNODC: Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 63rd session

2nd – 6th March, 2020

To continue OFAP's support for United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, OFAP has four delegates, President Nuno Maria Roque Jorge, Consultant Alexandra Azevedo Jorge, President's Advisor Johan Alfons Yvonne Maertens and Consultant Luc Aimé I. Warreyn participated the 63rd Session of Commission on Narcotic Drugs on 2nd to 6th March, 2020.

However, due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 in Europe, The Chief of UNODC Medical Service takes place in the morning session to reinforce new guidelines for the campus and stated that it is on crowd control and only a minimal number of delegates can participate in each session.

UNODC Executive Director, Ms. Ghada Fathi Waly, continues to support the SDGs and thank the collaborations between academia, civil society and member states in continuing their efforts. The INCB President, Mr. Cornelis P. de Joncheere also reaffirmed the importance of the commitment from every party towards the development goals as the agenda for this session.

Director General of WHO stated that the increase use of psychoactive drugs claims thousands of lives every year. Referring to the Recommendations of the UNGASS 2016, everyone regardless of who they are or where they live should be able to access the treatment they need to lead a healthy and productive life.



President Nuno Jorge with Counsellor Hu Bin, Delegates from China



China delegates honored the commitment considering the MS2019 document and the UNGASS, under the principle of common and shared responsibility and thus implemented concrete measurements to build an effective education programmes for prevention on drugs. China also applied modern technology to combat crime, with tactical models to curb trafficking in different mean of transportation. However, China said that the conventional drug control can no longer serve for the current situation and we need a more scientific and proactive attitude to it.

Side Event: SCO and UNODC in the Fight Against the Illicit Drug Threat: Countering Drug Trafficking via Darknet

Organized by the Governments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and the Russian Federation, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and the UNODC Regional Section for Europe, West and Central Asia.

Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of the UNODC said that reports show that a lot of dark net activities are associated with drugs, and international operations successfully closing those dark nets including Silk Road, Alpha B, and Hanza.

Deputy Commissioner of China Narcotic Control Commission mentioned that over the past years, we have created down tens of thousands of drug related cases, the dark net is a universal challenge for law enforcement agencies around the world. They noticed that the drug deals usually communicate through telegram and other encrypted media software while the deals are made by crypto currencies, making it harder to uncover. China recommends stringent regulations by learning from countries with more experiences ad we should cooperate and share information among each other for improving the capability on evidence collection. China recommends UNODC organize regular investigative training for the dark net.