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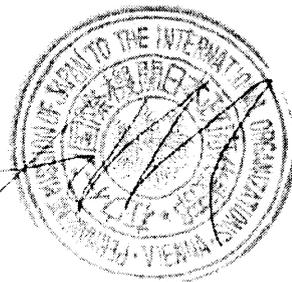
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NOTE VERBALE

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Korea to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of the Asian Group, and, regarding the latter's request of Member States of the Asian Group to provide proposals for operational recommendations concerning the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem to be held in 2016 (UNGASS 2016), has the honour to attach herewith Japan's proposal to that end.

The Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of Korea to the International Organizations in Vienna, in its capacity as Chair of the Asian Group, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Vienna

3 September 2015

To the Permanent Mission of Korea to the International Organizations in Vienna

Japan's input to UNGASS outcome paper

A short preamble to the outcome document should include;

- Further implement the commitments and targets set out in the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action within the framework of the three international drug control conventions and other relevant international instruments.

(The General Assembly)

Operational Recommendation 1: Demand Reduction and related measures

- Acknowledges that people with substance use disorder should receive medical treatment as well as rehabilitation and reintegration support, in particular socially vulnerable groups such as youth, women and children.
- Highlights the need to enhance efforts to prevent people from abusing drugs through prevention programs, including awareness raising, education and advocacy.
- Recognizes that legal measures against drug abusers should be designed carefully in accordance with national law, judicial system and domestic drug abuse situation in each country.

Operational Recommendation 2: Supply Reduction and related measures

- Redoubles efforts to counter criminal organizations trafficking in narcotics, psychotropics and their precursors and money laundering within the framework of the three UN Drug Control Conventions and the 2009 Political Declaration.
- Acknowledges with deep concern the links that in some cases exist between illicit financial flows linked to drug trafficking and the financing of terrorism.
- Encourages UNODC to provide technical assistance to Member States in order to counter transnational drug organizations, drug-related corruption and its linkage with terrorist financing, through its capacity building programs for law enforcement authorities.

Operational Recommendation 3: Cross-cutting issue: Drugs and Human rights, youth, women, children and communities

- Acknowledges that people with substance use disorder should receive medical treatment as well as rehabilitation and reintegration support, in particular socially vulnerable groups such as youth, women and children.

- Promotes adequate availability of internationally controlled narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes while preventing their diversion and abuse.

Operational Recommendation 4: Cross-cutting issue: Emerging threat and Reality

- Urges Member States to strengthen domestic control measures to prevent illicit production and trafficking of new psychoactive substances (NPS) and ATS including methamphetamine.

- Calls for accelerated efforts for international control of NPS, utilizing the scheduling processes under the UN Drug Control Conventions.

- Encourages the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Narcotics Control Board to enhance the collection of information on NPS, in particular through existing mechanisms such as the global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme, the early warning advisory on new psychoactive substances and the Project Ion Incident Communication System.

- Encourages UNODC to work with Member States to build capacity of law enforcement authorities to tackle trafficking and diversion of ATS and precursors.

Operational Recommendation 5: Alternative Development

- Acknowledges that alternative development requires long-term commitment, and is an effective approach to prevent and eliminate illicit cultivation of drug crops in a sustainable manner.

- Supports a continuing international effort to develop and share best practices on alternative development that build on the “Guiding Principles of Alternative Development”.

- Calls upon Member States and other donors to adopt a human-centered and development-oriented approach in alternative development assistance, which targets poverty reduction, sustainable social and economic development and/or the creation of employment opportunities for women.