

**22ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
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**COOPERATION TO FIGHT ORGANIZED CRIME AND THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW DRUG POLICIES**

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The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum,

Aware of the urgent need to adopt efficient, immediate, sustainable and multilateral measures to fight Organized Crime and explore policies and strategies that effectively reduce drug production, trade and consumption;

Concerned about the increased involvement of purported “cybercrimes” as an element Organized Crime uses to fuel its widespread networks promoting the purchase and sale of drugs and other illicit goods and services;

Considering the fact that the 2012 World Drug Report by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime establishes the existence of a clear link between the use of drugs, consumer ages, purchasing power and employment status (employed or unemployed);

In view of the fact that Organized Crime has extended its networks and scope of action based on the increased profits earned both from drug trafficking and the other illegal activities spread to encompass

fraud, extortion, kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual exploitation of children, illegal trafficking of species of fauna and flora in danger of extinction, auto theft and others;

Seeing that Organized Crime has also expanded its wealth and organization at a much higher transnational level by using increasingly sophisticated methods to introduce drugs and expand its operations and control over larger geographical regions by incorporating other countries and people into its networks spanning production (origin), transportation and retail sales (destination);

Troubled by the threat of the growing infiltration and corruption levels created by criminal groups that weaken governance structures;

Mindful of the growing social impact drug demand and production has for communities;

Recognizing the clear desire of our societies to address the problem of Organized Crime and drug use from an approach that integrates social, economic and scientific advances;

Convinced that our governments and their civil societies must deal with Organized Crime and drug use in an effective and informed manner;

RESOLVES TO

1. **Establish** mechanisms to share experience and knowledge on strategies to deal with money laundering controls, criminalization of the use of illegal proceeds and the war against the criminal use of cybernetic and computer tools.
2. **Promote** a responsible, knowledgeable and respectful dialogue on the best practice for drug policies and legislation implemented by various countries on the subject matter.
3. **Promote** legislative and legal approaches to guarantee greater control of international drug trafficking, reducing consumption and significantly decreasing the social impact that Organized Crime produces on communities while also ensuring fair response to the health damages caused by drug addiction.
4. **Promote** the development and regulation of new official indicators to better measure the real progress made in the battle against addictions, the prevention of diseases spread among drug addicts and drug trafficking reduction rates supported by public health and social development efforts, and respond, with greater precision, to the new political, legal and social environment currently covered in the war against Organized Crime and substance abuse prevention.

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