Expert working group on improving drug statistics and strengthening the Annual Report Questionnaire (ARQ)

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Links between drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime: Challenges

- **Clandestine phenomena**
  - Interactions require level of detail which is very hard to obtain

- **How to measure organized crime**
  - Does it make sense to count OC groups?
  - Number of people involved in OC

- **Corruption**
  - Involves 2 acquiescing parties
  - Population and business surveys are good sources, but resource-intensive and no info on drug trafficking
# Links between drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime: Responses via ARQ Feedback Questionnaire

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| **Key indicators of relevance** | **1.** Annual National Security Analysis  
  **2.** Statistic data from criminal investigation  
  **3.** We can provide the number of ML by underlying predicate of drug trafficking.  
  **4.** Number of Organised Crime groups with Nexus to other criminal areas  
  **5.** a) Provide statistics for number of Mutual Legal Assistance requests relating to drug related offences.  
    b) Provide statistics for number of Extradition requests relating to drug related offences |
| **1.** Number of prosecutions for money laundering | |
| **2.** Risks of interaction between legal economic activities and the cocaine supply chain (stores of Ironmongery and chemical supplies; companies of land, river and air transport; entertainment companies) | |
| **3.** Contribution of illicit crops in the GDP | |
| **4.** We suggest including the collation of the number of Money Laundering (ML) by underlying predicate of drug trafficking. | |
| **5.** Statistics of number of requests for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition | |

| Other Respondents (6) | |
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| **1.** Be mindful about assuming that any type of drug trafficking is transnational organised crime | |
| **1.** Anti-corruption initiatives  
  **2.** Case studies  
  **3.** Social media networks | |
Links between drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime:
Potential sources of information

- Prosecutions/convictions for concomitant offences related to drug trafficking, corruption and other forms of organized crime (including membership of an OC group)
- Prosecutions/convictions for corruption, with a link to drug trafficking or drug traffickers
- Data on corruption related to drug trafficking, perceived or experienced, derived from specialized questions built into corruption surveys
- Data on seizures of drugs together with other commodities, such as firearms, smuggled wildlife, illegally mined minerals, and cash.
- Detected cases of individuals forced into acting as drug couriers, possibly in the context of kidnapping or trafficking in persons
- Detailed information on large-scale seizures of drugs
- Breakdowns of estimated share of the illicit drug market by OC group, and qualitative information on their characteristics and their involvement in other forms of OC
- Qualitative assessments by law enforcement on the role of drug trafficking in OCGs