OPERATIONAL RESPONSES TO NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS), PRECURSORS AND PRE-PRECURSORS

Operational Recommendations on cross-cutting issues in addressing and countering the world drug problem

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NEWLY EMERGING SUBSTANCES*: CONSIDERATIONS

- Potentially unlimited number of substances
- Lack of documented (industrial or medical) use
- Internationalized manufacture and distribution

* NPS, pre-precursors, ‘designer’ precursors
OPERATIONAL RESPONSE

Developing and sharing *actionable* intelligence at the global level

- Multilateral operational activities; Task Force mechanism
- Real-time communication and sharing of operational information between national authorities
- Prevent substances from reaching consumer markets
INCB’s Operational Projects

- Provide infrastructure for:
  - Real-time information and intelligence-sharing
  - Collaboration between authorities of concerned countries to assist investigations and devise practical solutions
  - Identification of key manufacturers and distribution hubs
Special Notifications: Aim: soliciting operational cooperation

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Non-criminal intervention

**Scope**

- “Addictive or potentially addictive and easily abused substances which are not produced and used as medicinal drugs”
- Prohibits production, trade, import/export, storage, use
- Scientific and research purposes exempted
- Extends to intermediates of the substances

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- Letters from DEA and the National Association of Attorneys General to national networks of convenience stores and gas stations
- Dutch authorities made a similar approach to internet provider on GBL
- Project ION focal points are encouraged to consider non-criminal intervention aiming at preventing non-scheduled NPS from reaching consumer markets
PROJECT ION TO DATE AND BEYOND

- Successes in facilitating operations
- Keeping focal points informed of major changes in national controls and good practices
- International surveillance list of NPS (for practical operational and intelligence purposes only)
- Ready to act on NPS precursors and non-scheduled precursors of controlled drugs
- Fentanyl intelligence-gathering survey

- Continue to use and share existing resources.
- Further expand international and inter-agency networks
- Further pursue collaboration among different initiatives
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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