Third Round of Thematic Discussions on the Implementation of UNGASS

Chapter IV

Operational recommendations on cross-cutting issues: Drugs and human rights, youth, children, women and communities

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“4. We reiterate our commitment to respecting, protecting and promoting all human rights, fundamental freedoms and the inherent dignity of all individuals and the rule of law in the development and implementation of drug policies (…)”

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Drugs and human rights, vulnerable members of society

- Ensure that specific needs of underage drug offenders and children affected by drug-related crime are appropriately considered in criminal justice proceedings.

- Mainstream a gender perspective in drug policies and programmes & address protective and risk factors that make women and girls vulnerable to exploitation and participation in drug trafficking.

- Prevent abuse of drugs by children, youth and other vulnerable members of society by providing opportunities for healthy and self-sustained lives.

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Skills, Knowledge & Attitude

**Life skills** addressed by Line Up Live Up to strengthen youth resilience and reduce engagement in risky behaviour:

- Coping with stress and emotions
- Critical thinking
- Effective Communication and relationship skills
- Refusal skills
- Self-awareness and empathy

In addition, the programme addressed as key mediating factors:

- Young people’s **knowledge** on crime, violence and drug use, including their perception of risk
- Young people’s **attitudes**, including positive and negative behaviour, that are affected by their normative beliefs
Proportionate and effective drug policies

- Implement measures to eliminate prison overcrowding and violence

- Encourage alternative or additional measures to conviction or punishment and promote proportionate national sentencing policies

- Ensure legal guarantees and due process in criminal proceedings, including timely access to legal aid

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