MOU Sub-regional Action Plan

Responding to Emerging Drug Control Challenges in SE Asia

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2. Emerging challenges
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THE MOU PROCESS

1. Duration: over a decade and a half
2. Sub-regional Action Plan (SAP) regularly revised
3. Financial contribution from Member States themselves
4. Senior Officials Committee provides continuous monitoring – annually, and in addition to individual project steering committee meetings
5. MOU Ministerial endorses (next meeting: May 2009 in Pattaya, Thailand)
MOU PRIORITIES

1. Law enforcement
2. Drug demand reduction
3. Alternative development
4. Int’l cooperation on judicial matters
5. Drugs and HIV/AIDS
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EMERGING DRUG CONTROL CHALLENGES

1. TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME TRENDS

- IMPACT OF INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDORS
- IMPACT OF TRADE LIBERALIZATION
- WEST AFRICAN NATIONALS – establishing a presence in region – use of women from region as couriers
- INCREASING TREND: REGION AS IMPORTER – heroin and hashish from West and Central Asia; ATS from Canada; cocaine from South America
- REGION AS TRANSIT – hashish via Viet Nam to Canada
  - Viet Nam – Canada (hashish)
  - China – Australia (cocaine)
  - Cambodia – Australia (ATS)
EMERGING DRUG CONTROL CHALLENGES

2. ATS

• Asia’s huge population and growing affluence drives world demand
• Primary drug of abuse in 3 MOU countries – increasing in importance in another 2
• Large-scale ATS production in countries with limited known demand
• Crystal meth
• Lack of ATS treatment options

3. PRECURSORS

4. OPIATES

• Seizures declining
• Reversal – resumption of cultivation?
Opium poppy cultivation in Afghanistan & South East Asia

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- Afghanistan: -87%
- Southeast Asia: +26%
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5. Drugs and HIV/AIDS
1. Law enforcement

Objectives:
• (a) increased capacity, (b) better trans-boundary cooperation, (c) improved information / analysis

Projects:
• Continuing (I61): BLO Mechanism
• Re-new: Precursor control (build on 4 previous projects)
• New: Clandestine Laboratories
• New: Strengthening Info/Intel exchange
  • Training on intelligence cycle
  • Equipment to respond to the uneven capacity level in different countries
2. Drug demand reduction

Objectives:
• Develop sub-regional and in-country institutional capabilities for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation

Projects:
1. Continuing (J88): SMART (ATS data and analysis)
2. Continuing (I13): Prevention of ATS abuse in youth
3. New: ATS Treatment options (methodology, capacity building, best practices)
4. Note: Treatnet II now operating in region – Cambodia, Lao and Viet Nam (UNODC/WHO – Joint Action Programme)
3. Alternative Development

**Objectives:**

- (a) improve regional cooperation to share good practices,
- (b) develop capacity to plan and implement AD projects,
- (c) develop an effective monitoring capacity for illicit crops

**Project:**

- Extension (H84): Regional Collaboration on Community-based Alternative Development
4. International Judicial Cooperation

**Objective:**
- enhance cooperation for MOU countries to cooperate on MLA and extradition

**Project:**
- Follow-on (to C74): Judicial cooperation and mutual legal assistance
5. Drugs and HIV

Objective:
• (a) prevent transmission of HIV among and from drug users and in custodial settings
• (b) ensure provision of adequate treatment and care

Project:
• New: Assessment of efficacy of treatment and risk reduction in Custodial Settings
MOU PRIORITIES (rolling plan)

1. Law enforcement $3.0m
2. Drug demand reduction $1.0m
3. Alternative development $0.5m
4. Int’l cooperation on judicial matters $1.3m
5. Drugs and HIV/AIDS $0.5m

$6.3m
LINKAGE BETWEEN THE MOU SAP AND THE UNODC REGIONAL PROGRAMME
Linkage to the UNODC Regional Programme 2009-2012

1. Illicit trafficking
   - Border control
   - Human trafficking
   - Drugs and precursors
   - Environment
   - Smuggling Migrants

2. Anti-corruption
   - Advocacy
   - Institutions
   - Asset recovery
   - Money laundering

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   - Ratification
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RP + SAP overlap

Rule of Law

Health and Dev’t
LINKAGE BETWEEN THE MOU SAP AND OTHER REGIONAL INITIATIVES
Broadening the linkages within the region

1. ACCORD Plan of Action (2000)
2. ASEAN Secretariat - UNODC Memorandum of Understanding on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2003)
3. ASEAN Charter (2007) – Items 7, 8, 9 and 12
THANK YOU