



International Drug Control Treaties

Meeting on Non-medical use of prescription drugs

Vienna, 22-24 June 2010



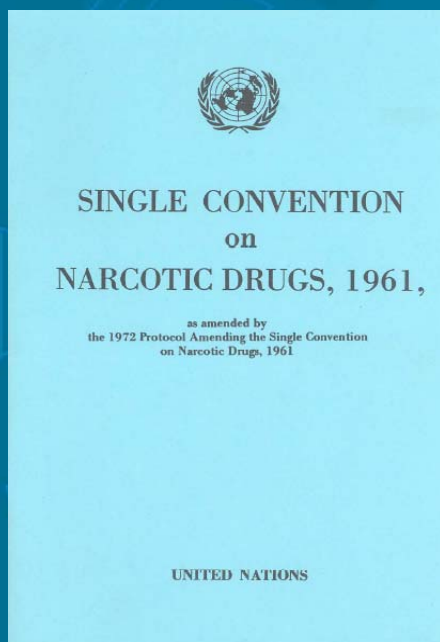
INCB's overall responsibility to promote Governments' compliance with international drug control treaties

Treaties cover all pharmaceutical products that contain narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and most of their precursors

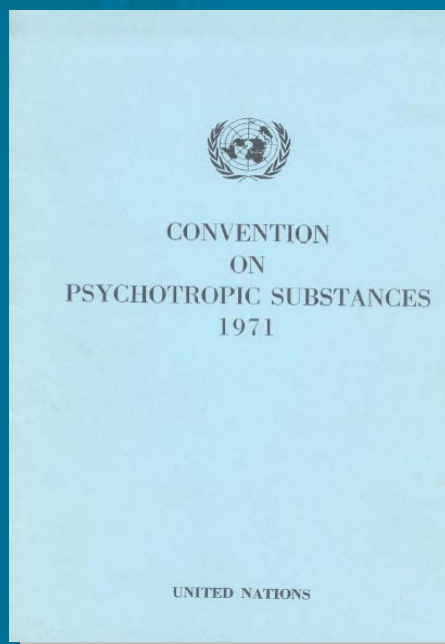
- Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol
- Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971
- United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988



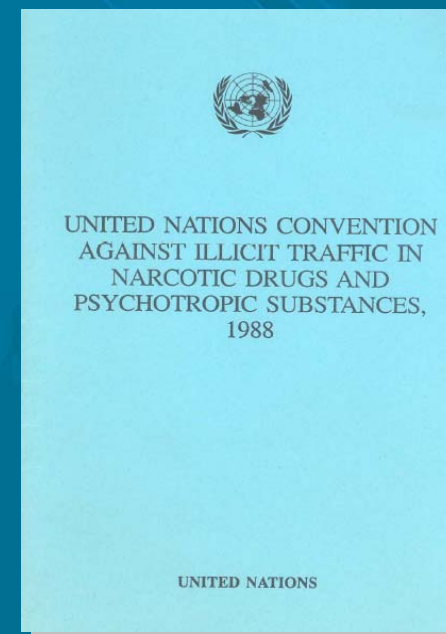
Status of adherence to the International Drug Control Treaties



186 Parties, 8 non-Parties



183 Parties, 11 non-Parties



184 Parties, 11 non-Parties



Substances under international control

119 substances under the 1961 Convention

Schedules I, II, III, IV

- Natural drugs: opium, morphine, codeine, cannabis, cocaine etc.
- Synthetic drugs: methadone, pethidine, etc.

116 substances under the 1971 Convention

Schedules I, II, III, IV

- Stimulants: amphetamines, methylphenidate, phentermine, etc.
- Sedative hypnotics/anxiolytics: barbiturates, benzodiazepines etc.

The provisions of the 1961 and the 1971 Convention apply to base substances as well as pharmaceutical preparations.

The provisions of the 1988 Convention do not apply to pharmaceutical preparations.

Changes in scope of control (WHO, CND)



Independent treaty body with quasi-judicial functions



INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

Assists, through its secretariat, with real-time exchange of information to prevent diversions of controlled substances

Monitors and promotes treaty implementation

Provides for direct working level contacts between concerned authorities

Administers the international control system

This system has resulted in a near cease of diversion of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances from int. trade



Composition of the Board

➤ 13 members

- 3 nominated by WHO
- 10 nominated by Governments

→ elected by ECOSOC for a period of 5 years

→ serve in their personal capacity not as government representatives



***Board members are persons who,
“by their competence, impartiality and
disinterestedness, will command general confidence”
(Article 9 (2), 1961 Convention)***



Role of INCB

- Monitor the implementation of the Conventions
- Support Parties in implementing the Conventions



Objectives of the international control system

I. Limit the use of controlled substances to legitimate purposes

II. Ensure that controlled substances are available for legitimate purposes



I. Limit the use of controlled substances to legitimate purposes

- Prevention of diversion from domestic distribution channels
- Prevention of diversion from international trade



Prevention of diversion

International control measures (e.g. provisions of the Conventions, relevant ECOSOC resolutions)

National control measures

The international control system: Close cooperation of national competent authorities and the Board



Provisions of Conventions

Control Measure	1961	1971	1988
Licence to deal in controlled substances	Article 30.1.(a)	Article 8	
Licence to import-export controlled substances	Article 31.3(a)	Article 8	
Prescription requirement	Article 30.2.(b)(i)	Article 9	
Advertisement to general public		Article 10	
Adequate labelling			Article 16.2
Shipments by mail-parcels			Article 19
Trade requirements (import-export authorization system)	Article 31.4.	Article 12	
Lack of proper documentation of export			Article 16.1
National laws and regulations	Article 31.1 (a)		
Estimates for narcotic drugs	Article 31.1 (b)		
Suppress mail for illicit trafficking			Article 19
Prohibition of export to P.O.Box	Article 31.8	Article 12	
Penal provisions under national law	Article 36.1	Article 22	



National Control Mechanism

- Law/regulations
 - Competent authority
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- Licensing and permits
 - Record keeping
 - Reporting
 - Others (prescription system)
 - Inspection system
 - Sanctions



International Control System

THREE PILLARS

A. Estimates/Assessments

B. Statistical returns

C. Control measures for international trade



A. Estimates/assessments of legitimate requirements

Forms B, BP: Data to be furnished to INCB (different requirements for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances)

Narcotic Drugs:

- **Quantities to be consumed for medical and scientific purposes;**
- **Quantities to be utilized for the manufacture of other drugs or exempted preparations;**
- **Stocks of drugs to be held as at 31 December;**
- **Quantities of drugs necessary for addition to special stocks;**
- **etc.**

Psychotropic Substances: Total quantities required annually for medical and scientific purposes



B. Statistical returns

- Form A, AP: Quarterly Statistics of Imports and Exports of Narcotic Drugs (all Schedules) and Psychotropic Substances (Schedule II)
- Form C, P: Annual Statistical Reports (Production, Manufacture, Consumption, Stocks and Seizures, Licit Trade, Use etc.)



INCB controls through:

Estimates/Assessment system

Statistical returns

Ex-ante

Estimates / Assessments

During the year

Quarterly reports on imports/exports

Changes in estimates/assessments

Ex-post

Annual statistical reports

- **Should correspond to actual requirements**
- **Should be respected by exporting countries**



Reports are analysed by the INCB secretariat

- to identify possible cases of diversion into illicit channels (discrepancies between imports and exports)
- to identify any weaknesses in the control system at the national and international levels (import excess, export excess, non-compliance by companies)
- to identify trends in the licit use of internationally controlled substances


Data received and results of analysis of international movements of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are reflected in INCB Technical Reports



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Narcotic Drugs
Stupéfiants
Estupefacientes


Estimated World Requirements for 2008
Statistiques for 2008
 Estimations des besoins du monde pour 2008
Statistiques pour 2008
 Previsiones de las necesidades mundiales para 2008
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C. Control measures for international trade

- Each country must have a competent authority empowered to issue import/export authorizations for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
- Each transaction is to be specifically authorized by the competent authorities of the importing and the exporting country
- Import/export authorizations in standard format, protected against falsification
- Model of import/export authorizations should be furnished to INCB



Additional control measures

The Board identifies emerging problems relating to control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and brings them to the attention of Governments (e.g. trends in abuse and diversion of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances)

The Board provides guidance for international cooperation in prevention of abuse and diversion (e.g. illegal sales of controlled substances through the Internet)

