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Address of the Secretary General at the 58th Commission on Narcotic Drugs
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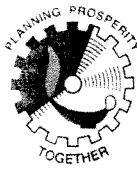
and Pacific region, African continent, the middle east, and the central American countries with proper credentials and certification. In 2014 we have conducted 74 initiatives in 32 different countries covering a total number of 1,410 beneficiaries.

Efforts are also being made to identify various educational institutions in number of countries to promote evidence based drug prevention education programmes. We also promote youth led initiatives in drug prevention through national, regional and global youth Forums which so far covered more than 300 schools, thousands of students, and youths. In 2014, DAP also conducted various conferences and international meetings for various member countries that benefitted 1,450 individuals.

At this Forum, I am happy to inform you that the Colombo Plan, in collaboration with several other international organizations and member state partners are forming a global network of addiction professionals by the name, "the International Society for Substance Use Prevention and Treatment Professionals" (ISSUP). This is an initiative intended to provide a common platform for them to exchange their views and share best practices. We look forward for your support and participation.

We look forward for enhanced collaboration and continued support from national focal points, regional and international organizations, INL- US Department of State, and UNODC. Finally, once again I extend my appreciation and thank the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for organizing this very important meeting.

Thank you.



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**Honorable Chairperson, Honorable Secretary, Executive Director of UNODC
and Distinguished members of the audience**

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity provided to present this brief report on the Colombo Plan I represent and the work it does to address drug use disorder around the world.

The Colombo Plan was established in 1951 as an Intergovernmental Organization under a common wealth initiative involving 7 member countries, with the objective of promoting economic and social development in the Asia and Pacific region. Currently, The Colombo Plan has 27 member states. The Colombo Plan provides assistance to the member states through Long Term Scholarships, Private Sector Development, Public Administration and Environment, Gender Affairs, and the the Drug Advisory Programme.

DAP is one of the major programmes established in 1973, we collaborate with national, regional and international Organizations including UNODC in various Drug Demand and Supply reduction areas. In countries such as Afghanistan, Myanmar, Pakistan and Tajikistan etc, the Colombo Plan works more closely with UNODC in the area of treatment and rehabilitation as well as capacity building programmes of the addiction professionals.

With an emphasis on promoting evidence base treatment and prevention programmes, the Colombo Plan has initiated the International Center for Certification and Education of Addiction Professionals (ICCE) in 2009. Ever since, it has developed the Universal Treatment and Prevention Curricula for addiction treatment and prevention professionals. Based on these curriculums, the Master trainers are being trained in Asia