CND holds its 64th session

The 64th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held from 12 to 16 April 2021 in Vienna was attended by nearly 1,400 participants representing 132 Member States, 7 UN Bodies and Agencies, 17 intergovernmental organizations and 76 non-governmental organizations. In addition to the formal proceedings, 111 side events were organized on the margins of the Commission.

The Commission adopted a joint statement on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the world drug problem, which was subsequently submitted as substantive contribution to the 2021 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In addition, the Commission adopted four resolutions, covering a wide range of topics. Further, in eight decisions, the Commission added eight substances to the international drug control conventions.

Statement of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the implementation of Member States’ joint commitments to address and counter all aspects of the world drug problem

Promoting alternative development as a development-oriented drug control strategy, including in the context of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its consequences

Promoting scientific evidence-based, quality, affordable and comprehensive drug prevention, treatment, sustained recovery and related support services

Improving data collection on, and responses to, the harmful effects of the non-medical use of pharmaceuticals containing narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances or new psychoactive substances

Facilitating access to comprehensive, scientific evidence-based drug demand reduction services and related measures, including for people impacted by social marginalization

Ceremonial Opening Segment

The Commission on the first day of its 64th session held a ceremonial (opening) segment, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs and the 50th anniversary of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances. The ceremonial opening segment included remarks made by: Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations; H.E. Ambassador Munir Akram, President of the Economic and Social Council; Ms. Ghada Waly, Executive Director of UNODC; Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO; Mr. Cornelis P. de Jongheere, President of INCB and Mr. Jamie Bridge, Chair of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC).
CND Special Event on 25 June 2021

A special commemorative event of the 64th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, devoted to the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, was held in a hybrid format on 25 June 2021, combining a limited in-person component with an online participation for participants worldwide.

On this occasion, the World Drug Report 2021 was launched, followed by remarks made by two youth representatives and five panellists, including H.E. Mr. Miguel Camilo Ruiz Blanco, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN (Vienna); H.E. Mr. Suleiman Dauda Umar, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the UN (Vienna); Ms. Begaiym Nurlan, Permanent Mission of Kyrgyzstan to the UN (Vienna); Ms. Jagjit Pavadia, President of INCB and Mr. Jamie Bridge, Chair of the VNGOC. More than 30 Member States and three civil society organizations delivered their statements during the special event.

Cooperation with ECOSOC

As functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the CND cooperates closely with the ECOSOC. On 1 February 2021, the CND Chair and the CCPCJ Chair addressed how the Commissions contributed to the High-Level Political Forum review of the theme for 2021 and to the work of ECOSOC, in a joint meeting with the Chairs of the ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies via video conference.

In addition, the Commission submitted a written contribution to the High-level Political Forum, outlining the Commission’s work and efforts towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, along with the joint statement on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bureau members of the 64th CND

Chairperson: H.E. Dominika Anna Krois (Poland)
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3rd Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Bukar Hamman (Nigeria)
Rapporteur: Ms. Begaiym Nurlan (Kyrgyzstan)

Upcoming:

20-24 September 2021: extraordinary session of the subsidiary bodies of the CND
19-21 October 2021: thematic discussions
9-10 December 2021: 64th reconvened session of the CND