

**STATEMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA DURING
THE 65TH MEETING OF COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS,
14th–18th MARCH 2022, VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Chairperson,

At the outset, allow me on behalf of Government of the United Republic of Tanzania, to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to UNODC for convening this important session of the CND during this challenging time of COVID-19 pandemic. I further wish to congratulate the Chair of the Commission and UNODC Secretariat for their efforts to ensure smooth continuation of the work of the CND despite the ongoing challenges.

Chairperson,

The United Republic of Tanzania has continued to adopt her drug control policies and strategies through integrated and balanced approach in response to emerging and evolving realities on the world drug problem including the links between drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime. Due to the sensitivity of the problem, my country adopted practical and pragmatic measures proposed by UNODC in the fight against illicit drug trade by implementing the three UN Conventions, 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action as well as UNGASS 2016 Outcome Document on an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to counter the World Drug Problem. We believe that these documents are the core pillars in offering the guidance in the fight against world drug problem. Our strategic plan in addressing drug problem is anchored on the Law of Drug Control and Enforcement Act of 2017 that has led to the formation of Drug Control and Enforcement Authority (DCEA). This is the Government entity responsible for drug supply reduction, demand reduction, harm reduction and enhancement of international cooperation.

Between June 2019 to December 2021, Tanzania has experienced a surge on drug trafficking, and illegal trafficking of precursor chemicals and UNODC and other international partners have been at the forefront working with Tanzania to combat the surge. A total of 1100kg of heroin and 452 kg of Methamphetamine were seized by DCEA through the illicit drug trafficking of Southern Route from South East Asia. Drugs are being trafficked using dhows of Iranians and Pakistanis. There numerous demand

reduction and harm reduction interventions in the country such as Integrated Methadone Assisted Therapy services in which 12 sites are operating with more than 10500 people with opioid use disorder attending on daily bases.

Chairperson,

Tanzania believe that it is important to have a comprehensive, integrated and balanced policy, which combines law enforcement and the promotion of public health, education, justice and law enforcement sectors while employing inter-agency collaboration and global cooperation at all levels in countering the world drug problem. We call for robust international cooperation to address the links between drug trafficking and terrorism, illicit financial flows smuggling of migrants and other forms of organised crime. In addition, we underscore the importance of technical assistance by UNODC, which has greatly assisted practitioners of beneficiary countries including Tanzania and positively impacted global efforts to counter and address the world drug problem, and urge for their continuation.

I THANK YOU.