

Statement of Algeria
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Mr. Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor. Allow me to thank the experts and panelists for their presentations.

I would like to present briefly the efforts of my country in the field of prevention and fight against drugs and drug addiction.

As you know, Algeria, like many countries, is not immune to drug-related risks and threats, due to its geographical location between two sensitive regions: the cannabis production region, and the consumption region. Every year huge quantities of drugs are seized by security forces.

Algeria, in its desire to protect society and preserve its security, stability and cohesion, has spared no effort to fight against all forms of organized crime and drugs in particular. In this context, it has developed a comprehensive and integrated national strategy taking into consideration the areas of drug prevention, control and treatment as well as the dimension of human rights.

Since independence, Algeria has joined the international community by ratifying all the international treaties relating to drugs and drug addiction. Moreover, my country is actively engaged at the regional and international levels. It regularly contributes to the efforts deployed by the international community, in particular within the framework of the activities of UNODC and the INCB, and through its permanent and effective participation in regional and international meetings, aimed at strengthening cooperation and reducing the phenomenon of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

It should be noted that Algeria also has an appropriate legislative arsenal that meets its international human rights obligations in the field of drug control.

In conclusion, the significant efforts made by Algeria aim above all to protect young people and the population in general, by preserving their health and welfare.

Thank you Mr. Chair.