

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

General Debate of the 66th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

Distinguished Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to greet you with the utmost respect and to express what a great pleasure it is to be here with you today. We would like to thank Mr. Chair, the Vice-Chairs and the UNODC Secretariat for their work, which has greatly contributed to the achievement of the UN's drug policy goals and the handling of the difficulties that have arisen in the recent years.

Hungary fully aligns itself with the Statement made by the EU and would like to add the following comments in national capacity.

Distinguished Chair,

The Government of Hungary continues to consider it important to implement the principles and goals contained in the UNGASS Outcome Document and the 2019 Ministerial Declaration. In our opinion, the handling of the global drug problem can only be achieved with the priority role and coordination of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as well as with the work and close cooperation of the International Narcotics Control Board, the UNODC, and the UN's other specialized agencies.

Hungary is fully committed to the implementation of the objectives of the three UN drug control conventions, as well as the European Union Drug Strategy and Drug Action Plan 2021-2025, with particular regard to the protection of public health and the broad provision of human rights.

The Government of Hungary pays special attention to reducing the demand for drugs, preventing and treating the development of drug addiction. We ensure this objective by organizing social-level, complex, early detection, prevention and treatment projects that, in addition to drug consumption, also affect other addictions, as well as by making available individual treatment options that enable quitting and leading an addiction-free life.

In the context of human rights, the Government of Hungary places great emphasis on ensuring that every child has the right to grow up in a drug-free environment. We try to achieve this by developing an addiction policy that contributes to the strengthening of families and local communities and their involvement in early detection, prevention and treatment measures.

We assess that in connection with the treatment of the world drug problem, significant progress has been made in the individual sub-areas during the past period. At the same time, the drug problem remains a significant challenge. Therefore, in the area of reducing the supply of drugs, Hungary aims to strengthen crime prevention and law enforcement interventions, in order to provide a more effective legal response to the constantly changing threats caused by drug use and new psychoactive substances. In this regard, we consider it important to develop laboratory capacity related to the detection of new psychoactive substances and to increase the sharing of information related to detected substances in order to enhance rapid responding.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that Hungary remains committed to the principles and objectives represented by the UN, which continue to provide an adequate basis for efficient and effective international action.

Thank you for your attention.