

Issue I

Airport Communication Project

Recommendation 1

Governments are encouraged to continue their financial and technical support to the Airport Communication Project (AIRCOP) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) so as to support the establishment of new operational joint airport interdiction task force units and the ongoing professional development of established operations.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Our country does not participate in the programme AIRCOP

Recommendation 2

Where they have not already done so, airport-based law enforcement agencies should be encouraged to open a dialogue with the joint airport interdiction task force units, formed under the AIRCOP initiative, to commence information sharing and to build professional networks that will in turn support more effective operational responses against trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Our country does not participate in the programme AIRCOP, but the competent authorities (Customs and Hellenic Police) cooperate when needed.

Recommendation 3

Governments are encouraged to support initiatives that facilitate close operational cooperation in the sharing of information between authorities (such as advanced passenger information, passenger name records, and advanced cargo information), in accordance with applicable privacy requirements, to enable effective and timely risk assessment of passengers and airfreight.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Customs and Hellenic Police are in close cooperation for implementation of the EU Directive (2016/681) for Passenger Names Records and they participate at national level in the working groups for the implementation of PNR.

Issue II

Container Control Programme

Recommendation 4

Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement authorities to work more closely with drug source countries and transit States through capacity-building programmes such as the UNODC/World Customs Organization (WCO) Container Control Programme.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Customs have access to Container control programme and if there are messages of concern risk analysis department creates risk profile.

Recommendation 5

Governments should be encouraged to assist other countries in investigating drug seizures made in containerized freight destined for Europe, so as to secure the conviction of those who organize those shipments and the dismantlement of the organized crime networks that profit from their operation.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Our competent Authorities, whenever dealing with drug seizures found in containers, through the international communication channels, exchange information with all the involved countries. In addition to that, the law enforcement agencies participate in controlled deliveries.

Recommendation 6

Governments should be encouraged to support source countries by making law enforcement experts and relevant technical equipment available to them to improve the technical skills and professional knowledge of their border law enforcement agencies in assessing the threat from organized criminal groups involved in illicit drug trafficking through their territories and designing measures to counter them.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Hellenic Police has trained Albanian Police in issues concerning combating drug. Albania is one of the countries that produce cannabis. Also there is a close and fruitful cooperation with Albanian LEAs through regular operational meetings within the framework of applying countermeasures against drug trafficking from Albania to Greece.

Our competent Authorities have not offered any training or support to countries that produce heroine - cocaine (Asia and Latin America)

Issue III

Handling synthetic drug production and responding to changing trends in drug use, new psychoactive substances and precursors

Recommendation 7

Governments are encouraged to urgently address the necessary control measures regarding the status of new psychoactive substances, which are sometimes marketed as “legal highs”, so as to remove ambiguity in the minds of consumers.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Our country, in order to face the New Psychoactive Substances threat, implements the contemporary Laws concerning Drugs and Medicines threats. Additionally, Officers of the competent Authorities participate in international and European training and fora. Also, the Customs participate in operations ION for new psychoactive substances.

Recommendation 8

Governments are encouraged to urgently undertake research regarding the harmful effects of new psychoactive substances on human health, and to take steps to improve the knowledge of their law enforcement authorities about the manufacture and supply of such substances, including the involvement of organized criminal groups in their trafficking and distribution.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

As mentioned above. In addition, there are special projects and seminars that being held on a national basis for educational and training purposes, assisted by European Organisations (e.g. CEPOL-EUROPOL etc).

Recommendation 9

Given the important role the Internet plays in promoting the sale of new psychoactive substances, and given the use made of international postal and courier services to deliver them, Governments are encouraged to support their law enforcement agencies in establishing close partnerships with the services concerned to develop new and effective strategies to intercept such substances, including by encouraging the development and use of relevant technical equipment.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Our competent Authorities, within their capabilities, pursue co-operation with private and public postal and courier services.

Issue IV

Measures to counter money-laundering and illicit financial flows

Recommendation 10

Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement agencies to share information with their national financial intelligence units at the early stages of investigations.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Drugs cases concerning the legalization of income deriving from criminal activities, are submitted to the Hellenic F.I.U. (Financial Intelligence Unit).

Recommendation 11

Governments are encouraged to establish inter-agency joint investigation teams to investigate the laundering of proceeds of drug trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Same as above mentioned.

Recommendation 12

Governments are encouraged to support UNODC in the implementation of capacity-building to combat money-laundering and illicit financial flows stemming from drug trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments: