

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:

Technical assistance for drug related measures is currently not a government priority.

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:

Technical assistance for drug related measures is currently not a government priority.

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:

Respective measures have already been taken before 2015.

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:

Switzerland has contributed to the implementation of the Container Control Programme through technical assistance in selected SSE countries through its regional technical assistance programme. See for example: http://ba.one.un.org/content/unct/bosnia_and_herzegovina/en/home/presscenter/unodc-_wco-container-control-programme-in-bosnia-and-herzegovin.html

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:

Technical assistance for drug related measures is currently not a government priority.

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:

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:

Under Switzerland's Narcotics Act (NarcA) substances with no medical or industrial uses can be preliminarily scheduled within 6 - 12 months after their first detection in Switzerland. Switzerland has scheduled more than 160 substances and classes of substances since 2011.

NarcA: <https://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/19981989/index.html>

Scheduled NPS: <https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20101220/index.html#app6>

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:

Switzerland continues to analyse seizures of NPS both chemically and in terms of their shipping routes (most NPS seized are bought on the internet and shipped by post). Results are disseminated among concerned authorities within Switzerland, an digital compendium of seized products and substances is available for all border guards.

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:

The Federal Office of Police is involved in an ongoing research project financed by the Federal Office of Public Health on the magnitude of the online drug market in Switzerland.

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:

Respective measures have already been taken before 2015.

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:

Respective measures have already been taken before 2015.

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:

Technical assistance for drug related measures is currently not a government priority.