

## **Message by the UNODC Executive Director**

Illicit drugs and drug trafficking pose a serious threat to health, development and the rule of law, and no country is unaffected by this menace.

The High-Level Review of Member States' implementation of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action on the World Drug Problem is an opportunity to have a forward-looking debate on how to further strengthen international cooperation.

No country can deal with such transnational challenges in isolation. Working together, we can harness the potential of international drug conventions to protect the health and welfare of humankind.

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