

Statement for the UNODC – SE4U
On the Need for Interagency Cooperation

Esteemed Delegates,
Honorable Members of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

In this era of unprecedented interconnectedness, the InterAgency Institute submits a clarion call for a transformative shift towards comprehensive interagency cooperation, intertwined with an unwavering commitment to the rigorous adherence to international frameworks. Recognizing the intricate web of security layers within nation-states, we stress that the active engagement of all stakeholders is not only prudent but an absolute necessity in pursuing global stability and justice.

The three-tiered approach, a cornerstone presented during the stakeholders' review process, transcends the conventional boundaries of jurisdiction, entwining the strategic imperatives of the national interest with the diverse and dynamic agencies operating within a nation-state. It represents a blueprint for harmonizing efforts, ensuring that security is not a fragmented endeavor but an indivisible and cohesive mission that binds nations together. It is through this nexus that we strengthen the collective security architecture that underpins our global community.

"Capacity building," a resonant theme in our deliberations, demands a nuanced understanding. It transcends the mere establishment of institutional scaffolding; it is a dynamic, iterative process encompassing the cultivation of both organizational structures and the cultivation of the intellectual and practical acumen required for their proficient operation. At its core, capacity building is inseparable from the broader concept of governance, an omnipresent force that shapes the efficacy and integrity of institutions and agencies.

This governance is a multilayered tapestry that must interlace seamlessly across local, regional, federative, national, and international levels. It is a symphony of coordinated efforts, a unity of purpose that transcends individual entities' parochial interests and embraces a global community's aspirations. In this sense, in a return flow from the global to the local, public policies are crucial for collective governance.

In an age where information is both abundant and fragmented, the imperative for a unified data repository assumes paramount significance. This repository, an intellectual common for all stakeholders, is the crucible where disparate perspectives converge, where

the boundaries that often separate the Global North and South dissolve. It is the fulcrum upon which informed decisions are forged, policies are crafted, and security is not an abstract ideal but an attainable reality for all.

The InterAgency Institute states that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime champions this cause with unwavering determination, permitting permanent collaboration within your boundaries and overcoming the limits of national engagement due to an eventual lack of institutionality or political constraints. Let us be the architects of a future where security is not a privilege for a select few but an inalienable right for all. Together, let us forge a world where the collective aspirations of humanity are realized through the seamless interplay of nations and agencies.

With deepest respect,



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