

Chapter 7: Operational recommendations on Alternative development; regional, interregional and international cooperation on development-oriented balanced drug control policy; addressing socio-economic issues

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Ladies and gentlemen of the UN CND Intercessional meeting, Mr. Ambassador,

Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in the discussion about drug policy, and specifically, Cannabis policy. My name is Paul von Hartmann.

I am a Cannabis scholar. I wrote a book entitled "Cannabis vs. Climate Change" that introduces novel ecological theories, that are relevant to alternative development and crop selection in the context of a planet that is threatened by climate change and systemic imbalance. We are faced with multiple systemic imbalances as the result of past policy regarding what is in fact the most beneficial and useful agricultural resource on the planet. I am talking specifically about Cannabis, sometimes, referred to as "hemp."

Not only is it useful, but it's actually essential. Cannabis is our functional interface with the Natural Order. Without Cannabis, mankind cannot exist sustainably on this planet. And in fact, that is the reason we're facing systemic collapse.

Most importantly I think is referring to the increasing UV-B radiation, that has resulted over the past fifty years, from decimation of the world's boreal forests and marine phytoplankton. The boreal forests and marine phytoplankton produce atmospheric aerosols that block solar UV-B radiation, from reaching the surface of the planet. Well, the UV-B is increasing and that's not good.

Cannabis is the only crop that produces sufficient quantities of atmospheric "monoterpenes," the atmospheric aerosols that reflect solar radiation away from the planet, and serve as cloud condensation nuclei, that manifest bright and persistent clouds, that also protect the Earth from the Sun.

Well, what's very interesting to know is that increasing UV-B radiation increases the solubility of mercury, arsenic and selenium compounds, out of aqueous solution. This very, very dangerous for the hydrologic cycle of the Earth.

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