

Russian-African Anti-Drug Dialogue
The Banjul Declaration
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1. We, the participants of the International Conference "Russian-African Anti-drug Dialogue", are concerned about the continuous growth of narcotic drugs production in South America and Afghanistan;
2. Affirm that the existing global drug production centres in South America and Afghanistan, which produce over 50% of drugs in the world, are a threat to international peace and security, sustainable economic development, and the health of nations;
3. Emphasize that trafficking of cocaine from South America and opiates from Afghanistan through the African continent inflicts irreparable damage on the security and well-being of the African countries and encourages emerging growth of marine piracy in the Gulfs of Aden and Guinea;
4. Believe that narcotic drugs trafficking through East, West and North Africa to Europe aggravate the destabilization of the region, entices the population in criminal activities, and minimizes opportunities for peaceful conflict solution;
5. Declare our determination to combat global drug production and trafficking through close coordination of interaction and development of anti-drug cooperation;
6. Propose to improve the principles of securitization of illegal drug production and trafficking, including these issues in the competence of the UN Security Council;
7. Stress that priority steps aimed at solving the global drug problem include programmes of integrated alternative development in drug producing countries in conformity with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Alternative Development adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 18, 2013;
8. Call to support the existing international drug control system and advocate the principle of inadmissibility of revising the UN Anti-drug Conventions and legalizing non-medical use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

9. Find it necessary to intensify work on the counteracting the legalization of proceeds from illegal drug trafficking as well as to links between the business community and criminal drug groups;
10. Express our readiness to enhance efforts aimed at preventing the spread of new psychoactive substances, precursor chemicals and cannabis products;
11. Advocate for the creation of special resources within the United Nations to promote healthy lifestyles, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug addicts into society;
12. Call for prioritization of the establishment of treatment and rehabilitation facilities and reintegration programmes for the youth into community for realization of their social and economic potential;
13. Conscious of the destructive impact on the whole world, on all countries and continents, of large-scale cocaine and heroin production in two global centers - South America and Afghanistan - we commit to have a unified position at the UN General Assembly Special Session on the World Drug Problem in 2016.