

DECRIMINALIZATION AMENDMENT, UN DRUG TREATIES

TO: UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
AN AMENDMENT REMOVING THE MANDATE
OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENSES
FROM 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

The undersigned Nation and Party does hereby propose the following Amendment of the Single Convention On Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, pursuant to Article 47:

Text of the Amendment: Remove and rescind Article 36 concerning Penal Provisions in its entirety.

The Reasons for the Amendment: The criminalization of adult consensual behavior is ineffective drug control, fundamentally, because “victimized” buyers and sellers of drugs consent to the activity prohibited, and even harsh, draconian penalties do not prevent drug use and drug trafficking. For proof see Secretariat annual reports to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs for any year, or this year (“World situation with regard to drug abuse Report of the Secretariat,” E/CN.7/2015/3), reporting that “In 2012, between 3.5 and 7.0 per cent of people [in the world] aged 15-64 (between 162 million and 324 million people) were estimated to have illicitly used drugs at least once in the preceding year.” Also see “World situation with regard to drug trafficking Report of the Secretariat,” E/CN.7/2015/4), reporting that “Potential opium production in Afghanistan in 2014 was estimated at 6,400 tons, an increase of 17 per cent from the 2013 level (5,500 tons). (p.3); “Coca bush cultivation in Bolivia (Plurinational State of),

Colombia and Peru (1983-2013) (Hectares)” is marginally greater now than in 1983 (p.7, Fig. II); “Between 2010 and 2012, seizures of amphetamine-type stimulants increased rapidly, with total seizures rising by more than 80 per cent to more than 135 tons in 2012. That increase is primarily attributable to the growing amount of global methamphetamine seizures, which have more than doubled over the same period, reaching 107 tons in 2012” (p.18. par. 69); “Japan reported that crystalline methamphetamine was the most widely abused drug in the country, followed by cannabis. Methamphetamine trafficking cases to Japan have increased steadily since 2010, with seizures reaching 847 kg in 2013 (up from 467 kg in 2012)” (p.19, par. 74); and “The cultivation of cannabis continues in most countries worldwide and in all regions of the world, while the production of cannabis resin remains confined to a few countries.” (p.20, par. 82) The world prison population exceeds 10 million people, many incarcerated for nonviolent “drug crimes.”

PARTY TO THE CONVENTION

AUTHORIZED NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

DRAFT AMENDMENT PROVIDED COURTESY OF JIM GIERACH
OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROHIBITION (LEAP)

1-781-393-6985

Mar 10th, 2015

###