

# DECLARATION OF

## II WORLD MAYORS CONFERENCE ON DRUGS

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We, participants of the World Mayors' Conference Against Drugs - reaffirm our support for the UN Conventions and declare that all people have the right to expect their governments to work according to the conventions and their intentions.

Worldwide, cannabis is the most frequent used illicit drug, which calls for action from each city and country. Extensive research confirms that the use of cannabis is detrimental to health, causes crime, and is addictive. Cannabis, and certain other drugs, for example chat, should be viewed in the same way as other types of illicit/psychotropic drugs for example cocaine, heroine and amphetamine, when it comes to control policy, rehabilitation and preventive measures.

We, participants ...

- Reaffirm our unwavering determination and commitment to overcoming the world drug problem through international and domestic strategies to reduce both the illicit supply of and demand for drugs;
- Recognize that action against the drug problem is a common and shared responsibility requiring an integrated and balanced approach in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law;
- Affirm our determination to provide the necessary resources for treatment and rehabilitation and to enable social reintegration to restore dignity and hope to children, youth, women and men who have become drug abusers, and to fight against all aspects of the world drug problem;
- Urge all people to work with their governments to strengthen, support, and encourage the UN system of drug control, in order to reduce the global demand and supply of illicit drugs;
- Emphasize the immediate need for all countries and cities to place drug issues as one of the high priorities on their development agendas;

Together we can meet the challenge and make a difference!

