



The International Narcotics Control Board renews President's mandate and elects new Bureau Members at its 134th session



At its 134th session, held from 23 May to 3 June 2022, the Board elected a new Bureau and welcomed two new Members, Lu Lin and N. Larissa Razanadimby, elected by the Economic and Social Council for five-year terms. The composition of the INCB Bureau following the 25 May 2022 elections is as follows:

- Jagjit Pavadia - President of the Board
- Zukiswa Zingela - First Vice-President
- César T. Arce Rivas - Second Vice-President and Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates
- H. H. Sevil Atasoy - Rapporteur and Member, Standing Committee on Estimates.

The Officers elected by the Board were:

- David T. Johnson - Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Member, Committee on Finance and Administration
- Cornelis P. de Joncheere - Chair of the Committee on Finance and Administration, and Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
- Galina A. Korchagina - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
- Bernard Leroy - Member, Committee on Finance and Administration
- Lin Lu - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates
- N. Larissa Razanadimby - Member, Standing Committee on Estimates.

The Board continues to monitor implementation of the drug control treaties and oversee the functioning of the system for international trade in controlled substances, including addressing global imbalances in availability as well as ensuring access during emergency situations.

Read the full story [here](#).

Launch of the INCB 2021 Annual Report and Precursors Report on 10 March 2022

The INCB Annual Report, prepared in accordance with the three international drug control treaties, was launched on 10 March 2022 and examines the global drug control situation and makes recommendations to Governments and regional and international organizations.

The thematic chapter of the INCB Annual Report for 2021 is entitled "Illicit financial flows related to drug trafficking and their impact on development and security".

The Report is accompanied by the 2021 Precursors report on the implementation of article 12 of the 1988 Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.



See the Annual Report by chapter [here](#).

Past events

INCB 132nd session,
Vienna, Austria
31 January-4 February 2022

4th Intergovernmental
Meeting
Vienna, Austria
8 March 2022

Launch of the INCB Annual
Report 2021 and the
Precursors Annual Report
Vienna, Austria
10 March 2022

65th session of the
Commission on Narcotic
Drugs,
Vienna, Austria
14-18 March 2022

Release of the Narcotic
Drugs 2021 technical report
Vienna, Austria
16 March 2022

INCB 134th session
Vienna, Austria
23 May-3 June 2022

Upcoming events

Global Workshop on practical
approaches to synthetic
opioids and related
dangerous substances for
frontline officers (OPIOIDS
conference)
1-5 August 2022
Vienna, Austria

Launch of e-module on the
Adequate Availability of
Controlled Substances for
Medical and Scientific
Purposes
Online
31 August 2022

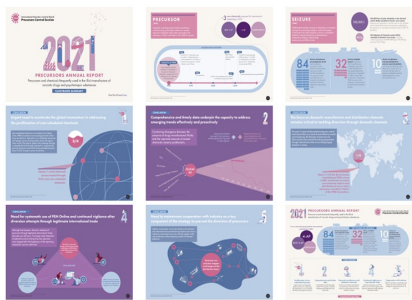
Basic training on
investigation of Internet trade
in precursors
Vienna, Austria / Hybrid
Q3 2022

Expert Group Meeting on
adequate levels of opioid
consumption for medical
purposes
Vienna, Austria / Hybrid
6-8 September 2022

5th operational meeting on
the trafficking of dangerous
synthetic drugs and related
chemicals through postal,
courier and air cargo
services (Postal 5)
Vienna, Austria / Hybrid
6-8 September 2022

INCB 135th session
Vienna, Austria
1-18 November 2022

The 2021 Precursors Annual Report



The 2021 Precursors Report provides an overview of the most important actions taken in the last year to implement article 12 of the 1988 Convention and to strengthen the functioning of the international precursor control system. This year's report highlights are also showcased in an illustrated summary.

[Read the full report here](#)

[Read the Illustrated summary here](#)

INCB President presents the 2021 Annual Report to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and recommends scheduling of three fentanyl precursors

The President of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), Ms. Jagjit Pavadia, presented the Board's 2021 Annual Report and Precursors Report to the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), which took place in Vienna from 14 to 18 March 2022.

On the first day of the session, the INCB President [addressed the opening segment](#) and participated in the [Joint Call to Action by UNODC, WHO, INCB and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#) on scaling up the implementation of international drug policy commitments on improving availability of and access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes.



In accordance with the drug control conventions, the Board's 2021 annual reports are submitted through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to the Economic and Social Council.

Read the full story [here](#).

Annual informal consultation on the supply of and demand for opiates for medical and scientific purposes

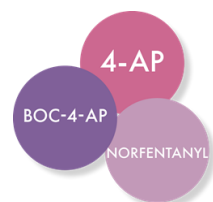


The annual informal consultation was held on 17 March 2022. Supply of and demand for opiate raw materials and finished opiates for medical and scientific purposes at the global level remain in balance and global supply will be sufficient to cover global demand in 2022 and 2023 according to the latest data available to the INCB, the informal consultation between the INCB and 14 governments of major producing and exporting countries has concluded.

However, as noted by the INCB President, significant disparities remain between countries and regions when it comes to availability, and it remains crucial that countries with greater availability of narcotic drugs assist those countries with lesser availability. In addition, it is necessary that the major producing and importing countries ensure that the stocks of opiate raw materials and finished opiates are not accumulated in excess of the amounts needed for the normal conduct of business, as stipulated by the [Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs \(1961\)](#).

Countries contributing to the 2022 informal consultation were: Australia, France, Hungary, India, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey (major producers and manufacturers of opiate raw materials), and the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Norway, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America (major importers).

CND decides to subject 4-AP, 1-boc-4-AP and norfentanyl to international control



At its 65th session in March 2022, the Commission on Narcotics Drugs (CND) unanimously voted to add three precursors (4-AP, 1-boc-4-AP and norfentanyl) in Table I of the 1988 Convention. The chemicals can be misused to illicitly manufacture fentanyl. The effective date of scheduling by which all Parties ought to have placed these chemicals under national control is 23 November 2022. After this date, there will be a total of 33 substances in the Tables of the 1988 Convention.

CND adopts a resolution addressing non-scheduled chemicals and designer precursors

CND resolution 65/3 entitled “Intensifying efforts to address the diversion of non-scheduled chemicals frequently used in the illicit manufacture of drugs and the proliferation of designer precursors” (read [here](#)) was adopted at its 65th session in March 2022.

CND side event: International standards for reporting cannabis and cannabis-related substances for medical purposes



On 18 March 2022, at the margins of the 65th CND, the INCB held a side event and discussed with experts and competent national authorities standards for reporting and monitoring of cannabis and cannabis-related substances for medical and scientific purposes as set out in the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol, as well as in the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. The Board’s aim is to strengthen compliance with the international drug conventions, ensuring access to cannabis for medical and scientific purposes for patients while preventing the risk of diversion into the illicit market.

The co-sponsors of the event were: Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Germany, Israel, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Paraguay, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States of America, United Kingdom, UNODC, the African Union and the European Union.

INCB hears civil society's views on trend toward legalizing cannabis for non-medical use

On 25 May 2022, INCB met civil society representatives to hear their perspectives on the trend towards legalizing the non-medical use of drugs, particularly cannabis. The meeting was held during the Board’s 134th session in Vienna. At the meeting, the INCB President Jagjit Pavadia said: “INCB has recognized the important work being carried out by non-governmental organizations towards achieving the objectives of the drug control conventions, particularly in the field.” Read the full press release [here](#).

INCB President presents annual reports to Economic and Social Council, focusing on illicit financial flows related to drug trafficking and their impact on development and security

The President, Jagjit Pavadia, presented the INCB 2021 Annual Report to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Management Segment on Wednesday, 8 June 2022.

The thematic chapter of the 2021 report focused on illicit financial flows related to drug trafficking and their impact on development and security. Ms. Pavadia said: “Such flows serve as the lifeblood for organized criminal groups engaged in drug trafficking. Curbing these illicit financial flows is therefore essential to addressing drug trafficking around the world.”

Impacts of illicit financial flows include corruption, violence, instability, and the stifling of development. Ms. Pavadia stated that Africa loses approximately 3.7 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) to such flows every year, urging the Council to take this issue into account when considering development priorities.



Read the full story [here](#).

Statement by Jagjit Pavadia, President of the International Narcotics Control Board, for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



On the occasion of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which took place on 26 June 2022, the INCB highlighted the importance of ensuring availability of internationally controlled substances for medical purposes and uninterrupted evidence-based drug use prevention and treatment services, including in humanitarian emergencies.

Read the full statement [here](#).

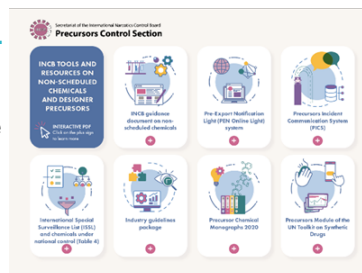
Scheduling Decisions by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

At its 65th session, the Commission decided to include six substances in the relevant schedules of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 as follows: buprenorphine and metonitazene to Schedule I of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol; eutylone to Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971; 4-AP, 1-boc-4-AP and norfentanyl in Table I of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988. The decisions will become effective 180 days after they were communicated by the Secretary-General to all parties. INCB will be supporting governments in the implementation of the scheduling decisions.

New resources

Interactive compendium on INCB tools and resources on non-scheduled chemicals and designer precursors

Download the clickable multi-page PDF [here](#) and the one-page summary [here](#) (best viewed on desktop on Microsoft Edge and Chrome).



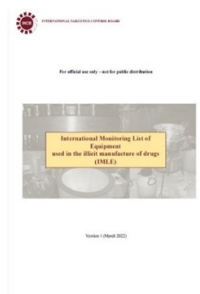
Guidance document on options to address the proliferation of non-scheduled chemicals and designer precursors

Download the document in different UN languages [here](#) and read the press release [here](#).



The international monitoring list of equipment used in the illicit manufacture of drugs (IMLE) is now available for official use from the [secure website](#) of the Board.

The list includes certain items of equipment of international relevance and for which substantial evidence exists of their use in the illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances, new psychoactive substances and precursors.



Awareness-raising and guidance document for policy makers: Illicit Drug Manufacturing Equipment and Article 13 of the 1988 Convention

This document provides various options, measures, approaches and tools with a view to guide international policy efforts and action aimed at preventing the diversion of equipment essential for illicit drug manufacture, enhancing the operational use of article 13 of the 1988 Convention, and cooperating to that end.

The document can be downloaded [here](#).



Other items of interest on the INCB website

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Recent UNODC publications on drugs:

World Drug Report 2022

UNODC Drugs Monitoring Platform Brief: Latest patterns and trends in drug trafficking moduli operandi of heroin and methamphetamine originating in Afghanistan

UNODC Drugs Monitoring Platform Brief: Patterns and trends in trafficking routes of heroin and methamphetamine in Afghanistan

Myanmar Survey 2021: Cultivation, Production and Implications

Conflict in Ukraine: Key evidence on drug demand and supply

Conflict in Ukraine: Key evidence on risks of trafficking in persons

Afghanistan Opium Survey 2021: Cultivation and Production

Nigeria Cannabis Survey 2022

Drug situation in Afghanistan 2021 - Latest findings and emerging threats

Useful links:

- [United Nations](#)
- [United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime](#)
- [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [World Customs Organization](#)
- [INTERPOL](#)