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- INCB opens its 114th session focusing on UNGASS 2016 preparations
- INCB President addresses United Nations member states on 11 November 2015
- INCB Member addresses International Conference on Alternative Development
- INCB President addressed the CND at its special segment on the preparation for the special session of the GA on the world drug problem in 2016
- INCB President's statement at the special event "A public health approach as a base for drugs policy: The Portuguese case"

INCB's Annual Report, Precursors Annual Report and Technical Publications for 2015 to be launched on 2 March 2016



INCB Mission to Uruguay



Recent UNODC publications on drugs:

Afghanistan Opium Survey 2015 – Executive Summary

Drug Money – the illicit proceeds of opiates trafficked on the Balkan route

Southeast Asia Opium Survey 2015 – Lao PDR, Myanmar

Afghanistan Opium Survey 2015 – Cultivation and Production

INCB mission to Uruguay meets with Government officials from the National Drug Commission, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Institute for the Regulation and Control of Cannabis

The International Narcotics Control Board carried out a mission to Uruguay from 25 to 27 November. [Mr. Werner Sipp](#), President of INCB, led the mission accompanied by [Mr. Alejandro Mohar](#), Board Member, and Mr. Stefano Berterame of the INCB secretariat.

The objective of the mission was to discuss the legislation on the non-medical use of cannabis and its implementation in Uruguay.

The findings of the mission will be considered by the Board at its session in February 2016 and reported upon in the INCB Annual Report 2016, to be published in early 2017. [Read more.](#)

Key Issues and Special Topics

New INCB project to provide technical assistance to member states

INCB is implementing a new global project to provide technical assistance to member states to increase compliance with the provisions of the international drug control conventions in the regulatory control of the licit trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursor chemicals with the ultimate goal of facilitating the appropriate availability of internationally controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes, yet preventing their abuse and diversion to illicit channels. The project foresees, among other activities, the organization of regional workshops to deliver training to competent national authorities, as well as the development of e-learning tools. The first training workshop is scheduled to be delivered in April 2016 to countries in the Eastern Africa region.

Recent scheduling of nine substances under the 1971 Convention

Nine substances were placed under international control under the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2015. The substances concerned are 25B-NBOMe (2C-B-NBOMe), 25C-NBOMe (2C-C-NBOMe) and 25I-NBOMe (2C-I-NBOMe), which were added to Schedule I of the 1971 Convention, and AM-2201, JWH-018, 3,4-methylenedioxypropylvalerone (MDPV), mephedrone (4-methylmethcathinone), methylone (beta-keto-MDMA) and N-benzylpiperazine (BZP), which were added to Schedule II of that Convention. In accordance with article 2, paragraph 7, of the 1971 Convention, those decisions of the Commission were communicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to all Governments, the World Health Organization and the Board on 8 May 2015, and became fully effective with respect to each party on 4 November 2015.

Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies in Latin America and the Caribbean (HONLAC) discuss measures to curb the supply of precursors for illicit cocaine manufacture

The INCB Secretariat provided substantive guidance for a working group meeting on trafficking in cocaine and curbing access to the supply of precursor chemicals at the 25th HONLAC meeting, held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from 5 to 9 October 2015. The recommendations of the working group, spanning from improving public-private partnerships and cooperation between law enforcement and drug control agencies across the region, to the need for sharing of actionable information and conducting joint operations aimed at identifying the source of chemicals and their point of diversion, will be brought to the consideration of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2016. The meeting was attended by more than 70 participants from 23 countries, one intergovernmental organization and the territory of Sint Maarten (The Netherlands).

Past events:

October

Mission to the People's Republic of China, 19-21 October 2015

November

114th Session of INCB, Vienna, 27 October-13 November 2015

Mission to Uruguay, 25-27 November 2015

December

Reconvened fifty-eighth session of the CND, 9-11 December 2015

Special event: "The Portuguese Case", 9 December 2015

Upcoming events:

115th Session of INCB, Vienna, 1-5 February 2016

Briefing for Permanent Missions on the INCB Annual Report and Precursors Annual Report for 2015, Vienna, 3 February 2016

Launch of INCB's Annual Report, Precursors Annual Report and Technical Publications for 2015, 2 March 2016

Fifty-ninth Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Vienna, 14-22 March 2016

UNGASS, New York, 19-21 April 2016

Useful links:

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[Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#)

[United Nations Economic and Social Council](#)

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