

Sample position paper

FORUM: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes

COUNTRY: The Republic of Cuba

TOPIC: Strengthening international cooperation in combating illicit drug trafficking

Observing the antisocial conduct affecting society because of illicit drug trafficking for example violent drug-related crimes in the United States of America and Mexico, the Republic of Cuba recognises the necessity of combating illicit drug trafficking.

Cuba believes that there should be severe penalties such as jail sentences or heavy fines for possessing, using and trafficking illicit drugs. Cuba encourages all member states to adjust their domestic laws on illicit drugs and to adopt Cuban law which has been effective in the past. This will prevent the high demand for illicit narcotics especially by the United States consumers.

However, Cuba believes that trials are costly and therefore, should be avoided. Instead of that, border controls have to be strengthened with help of international cooperation.

Illicit drug trafficking is an international organised progressed whereas air-, terrain- and seaways are nowadays used to transport narcotics. Therefore, air-, terrain- and seaways have to be controlled and monitored by the international community. Confiscated goods should be eliminated or converted for medical use. Cuba strongly encourages the United States of America to invest in rehabilitation centres and to set higher penalties for illicit drug consumers and dealers.