

BERLIN DECLARATION

TOWARDS A HUMANE MODEL OF DRUG POLICY

The current War on Drugs has transformed itself into a destructive spiral. The principles on which prohibition is based have shown that this war is a total failure.

The attempt to create a drug-free world through supply reduction and abstinence via State violence has failed to respond to the realities of each continent and region.

This is creating anti-democratic, repressive and authoritarian structures, which end up strengthening the economic influence of organised crime. The global War on Drugs has resulted in systematic human rights violations, corruption, massive arrests and imprisonment, as well as increasing social and health risks for people who use drugs (PWUD).

Prohibition is a mistaken political path that has transformed itself into a morbid ideology. The War on Drugs has reached an unprecedented scale in the Northern Triangle of Central America and in Southeast Asia, leading to terror and death. Meanwhile, the successes of decriminalisation and the development of scientific and therapeutic uses for illegal drugs in other parts of the world reveal the highly incongruent nature of prohibition. These policies demonstrate that the policy advocacy efforts from civil society and the scientific community can improve the quality of life of PWUD, and ensure their access to adequate social and health services through concrete public policies based on harm reduction.

As a result, and considering the millions of people suffering from the War on Drugs, we, as men and women of diverse Cosmovisions, Christians, activists, freethinkers, human rights defenders and PWUD, implore the United Nations, the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the European Union, CICAD, the OAS, CELAC, politicians, churches, communities and social organisations to: End the War on Drugs.

On the basis of the “Reconciliation Process for Peace, Justice and Creation”, we appeal to faith-based organisations, Christian communities, secular groups, civil society organisations, international organisations and social organisations to end the War on Drugs.

We call for the need to improve judicial cooperation for real and effective targeting of terrorist organisations, organised crime and money and assets laundering.

Promote and analyse alternatives to policies based on prohibition and repression.

Implement systems for drug use prevention and education based on principles of harm reduction and human rights.

Promote increased space for civil society engagement in the post-UNGASS process.

Fund international campaigns that include information on international and local drug policies, and information pertaining to unbiased, evidence-based drug use prevention strategies in accordance to scientific data, without any prejudice and mysticism related to people that use drugs or drugs themselves.

Recognise the privacy of PWUD to decide freely on their life choices in accordance to the principle of self-determination.

The following institutions and leaders who are signatory to this declaration are:

Committed to promoting the reform of the current international drug control model, grounded in public health and human rights. This reform should focus on offsetting the negative consequences of existing drug policies; promoting harm reduction; and combating large-scale drug trafficking.

United in diversity, and based on the promotion of justice and love that inspires us to move forward, we declare: That the War on Drugs must not exist!



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ICM-MCC
Drug Policy Alliance
Law Enforcement Action Partnership's (LEAP)
Blacks in Law Enforcement of America (BLEA)
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION
Iglesia Episcopal Anglicana de El Salvador
MAPS
Asociación Pensamiento Penal
Trinity United Church of Christ
Viva Rio
Casa Apostólica Cristo Liberador
Comunidad Cristiana Mesoamericana
ACEID
DeJusticia
Stop the Drug War
Iglesia Evangélica Presbiteriana Costarricense
SSDP
EPSD
Latinoamérica Reforma
LEAP Costa Rica
Neirika
FedCure
COIN
International Centre for Science in Drug Policy
Triagrama
Positive Change Chicago Recovery Alliance
HepFree Hawaii
Asociación Comité Contra el Sida Cabañas
REDUC
Nama

EUROPE

IDPC
AFEW
Akzept
ICEERS
CORRELATION network
ENCOD
The Norwegian Association for Safer Drugs Policies
Youth RISE
RELEASE
GREAA
City Wide Drugs Crisis Campaigning
Lambeth Service User Council (LSUC)
Fundación ABD

AFRICA

ALCS | Marruecos |
Eastern Africa Harm Reduction Network (EAHRN)
Subsahariana
Uganda Harm Reduction Network (UHRN)

OCEANIA

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