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Joint Expert Conference on “FIGHTING THE THREAT OF ILLICIT DRUGS” 28 - 29 June 2007 Hofburg Congress Centre, Heldenplatz Vienna, Austria

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Thursday, 28 June 2007

14.30 - 15.00 Opening session

Chair: Kevin Carty, Senior Police Adviser to OSCE Secretary General

Welcoming remarks by

- OSCE Chairmanship
- OSCE Secretary General
- Representative of UNODC
- Mr Kevin Carty, Senior Police Adviser to OSCE Secretary General

15.00 - 17.00 **Session I – Combating synthetic drugs throughout the OSCE area**

In the past years, use of synthetic drugs has climbed dramatically, a fact that lends urgency to the effort to control them. The expansion in the demand for synthetic drugs is not limited to any country. Several countries in the OSCE area are similarly challenged by the spread of the synthetic drugs trade.

Encouraged and emboldened by the growing global demand for synthetic drugs, traffickers are exploiting every available opportunity to produce and market a wide variety of synthetic drugs.

One of the unique challenges that synthetic drugs present is that they are often produced clandestinely in laboratories, which can make intervention by law enforcement difficult.

Panellists will focus on effectiveness in combating synthetic drugs and discuss the trends in manufacture and consumption of synthetic drugs, clandestine drug laboratories, and challenges for Law Enforcement, such as control and interdiction of

chemical and pharmaceutical precursors and will make presentations about case studies.

Moderator: Mr Taner Aydin, Department for Fighting Trafficking and Organized Crime, Turkish National Police, Turkey

Rapporteur: Murat Yildiz, Political Affairs Officer, SPMU

Keynote speakers:

- World Customs Organization (WCO), Monitoring and Controlling chemical precursors' use and manufacture
- International Narcotics Control Board
- Russian Federal Drug Control Service

Discussion

17.00 – 18.00 Reception-Hofburg

Friday, 29 June 2007

09.00 – 10.30 **Session II – Countering illicit trafficking in cocaine in the OSCE area**

According to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, cocaine is the most trafficked drug in the world after herbal cannabis and cannabis resin. Most of the cocaine seized in Europe comes directly from South America (mainly Colombia) or via Central America and the Caribbean and also increasingly via Africa. The main points of entry in the EU remain Spain, the Netherlands and Portugal, as well as Belgium, France and the U.K. Most seizures of cocaine are reported in western European countries, especially Spain, which accounts for about half of the seizures and amounts recovered in the EU in the last five years. Based on recent population surveys, it is estimated that about 10 million Europeans have tried cocaine at least once. This represents about 3% of all adults.

The goal of the session is to provide first hand, up to date information about cocaine trafficking to the participants. The presenters will raise awareness, identify problems and provide examples of good practice in countering the illicit trafficking of cocaine within the OSCE area.

Moderator: Manuel Marion, Deputy Head, SPMU

Rapporteur: Mr Tim DeVecchio, Police Affairs Officer, SPMU

Keynote Speakers:

- Mr. Ira Israel, USA Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Javier Leal Perez-Olaque, Organized Crime Intelligence Center , Spain

Discussion

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 **Session III – Countering illicit trafficking in Afghan opiates in the OSCE area**

While estimates vary, it is a conservative estimate that the 2006 Afghan opium harvest will have a street value of over 173 billion U.S. dollars. It is estimated that two thirds of the world's users of opiates (heroin, morphine and opium) are using drugs coming from Afghanistan.

International drug dealers are constantly seeking the easiest and most profitable routes for smuggling opiates from Afghanistan into the consumer countries. The latter include the lucrative markets of Western Europe and, increasingly those of Eastern Europe: nearly 90% of the opiates destined for European markets are believed by the World Customs Organization to come from Afghanistan. The UNODC indicates that 23% of the Afghan heroin entering Europe is transported through Central Asia.

All the countries affected by opiate traffic or by the production, distribution or consumption of heroin must mobilize to combat this threat which is harming their populations and endangering their socio-economic stability.

Participants from the region and representatives from the international community will focus on challenges in countering illicit trafficking in Afghan opiates in the OSCE area

Moderator: Mr. Alexey Rogov, Deputy Head, New Threats Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation

Rapporteur: (tbc)

Keynote Speakers:

- H.E. Jean-Pierre Vidon, Ambassador at large against Organized Crime, France
- General Khodaidad, Deputy Minister of Counter-Narcotics, Afghanistan
- UNODC (Olga Zudova – Mutual Legal Assistance and outcomes of OSCE – UNODC Bishkek Workshop) (tbc)

Discussion

12.30–14.00 Lunch provided at the Hofburg

14.00 - 16.00 **Session IV – Enhancing cross-border co-operation and Intelligence-sharing in fighting illicit drugs**

Given the number of countries through which the trafficking of drugs takes place, the number of routes and variety of modus operandi employed by the organised crime groups active in the trafficking of drugs, the fight against drugs trafficking is particularly dependent upon the ability of national law enforcement agencies to exchange intelligence across borders in a timely and effective manner.

This session will hear presentations from major law enforcement organizations active in the international and operational fight against organized drugs trafficking. It will hear of the obstacles they face in intelligence sharing and from UNODC regarding the situation relating

to various regional intelligence sharing mechanisms across the OSCE area including the Central Asian Regional Information Coordination Centre (CARICC). The session will focus on solutions to the obstacles that national level law enforcement agencies face in terms of cross border co-operation and intelligence sharing, with the purpose of making proposals regarding what the OSCE might do to assist.

Moderator: Henry Bolton, Senior Border Issues Adviser, OSCE-CPC

Rapporteur: Anton Petrenko, OSCE-CPC

Keynote Speakers:

- Mr. Ian Munro, UNODC- Chief Anti Organized Crime, Anti-Trafficking Section
- UK Serious Organized Crime Agency (SOCA) – Intelligence Directorate
- Representative of Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO)
- Drugs Control Agency of Tajikistan

Discussion

16.00–16.30 p.m. Coffee break

16.30–17.00 p.m. **Closing session**

Closing remarks by:

- OSCE..... (tbc)
- UNODC..... (tbc)

17.15 end of the workshop