

FRANCE, CANDIDATE TO THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS

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FRANCE IS COMMITTED TO A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED APPROACH

AN ACTIVE AND EXPERIENCED MEMBER OF THE CND

France promotes comprehensive and balanced drug policies based on supply and demand reduction, international cooperation and the respect of human rights. France considers it necessary to combine the fight against trafficking and transnational organized crime with a health and social approach based on public health and prevention.

During its current CND mandate, France has placed prevention at the heart of the debates on the world drug problem by:

- co-sponsoring, with Peru, a resolution during the CND in March 2016 ;
- launching an initiative alongside UNODC, WHO and Sweden: “Listen First”;
- organizing a high-level event at the UNGASS 2016 on that issue.

The strong international mobilization for prevention and our initiatives in this field clearly demonstrate the role France can play in promoting comprehensive and balanced policies based on scientific evidence that can bring together a large number of States.

AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY’S MOBILIZATION

Together, against trafficking and organized crime:

Since 2013, France has used its seat at the CND and its status as a permanent UN Security Council member to mobilize the international community on the issues raised by drug-trafficking in **West Africa and the Sahel**.

France has continuously supported the Paris Pact Initiative since 2003. This initiative is the primary international platform to combat trafficking in opiates originating in **Afghanistan**, and facilitates the provision of technical assistance to countries in need.

In the **Caribbean**, in addition to its operational activities to combat trafficking, particularly maritime trafficking, France is leading several initiatives to strengthen regional cooperation and the capabilities of countries in the area.

MAINTAIN THE UNITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH A COHERENT AND CONSENSUS-BASED APPROACH

AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BASED ON SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

France is committed to the international drug control regime, mainly based on the three United Nations Conventions of 1961, 1971 and 1988.

France is especially committed to the role and jurisdiction of the CND, which is the cornerstone of the international drug control system.

France believes that the main challenge of the CND in the years ahead will be to maintain a coherent and unified approach from the international community in its response to the world drug problem.

France is convinced that policies on drugs must be the result of shared discussions and joint approaches:

- France defends the role of the Vienna institutions (CND, INCB and UNODC), which have proved themselves and possess the needed technical expertise to have an impact in the field;
- France believes that the three United Nations Conventions of 1961, 1971 and 1988 provide all States with the flexibility needed to implement a wide range of appropriate measures to address their specific needs;
- France is particularly committed to preserving the achievements of the UNGASS on the World Drug Problem held in April 2016 and to the implementation of its operational recommendations.

2018-2021 : STRIVING FOR A CLOSER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In the coming years, France will particularly focus on:

Better **awareness of prevention** and of the health and social aspects linked to drug use when forming policies;

A greater **access to essential medicines** that are placed under control;

Combating drug trafficking, dismantling networks and cutting off illicit financial flows in close cooperation with international partners;

Promoting an **approach based on research**, assessment and scientific evidence, in order to meet these challenges in an increasingly efficient manner.

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TO THE NEXT CND
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