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QUESTION OF: REDUCING THE GLOBAL SALE OF ILICIT DRUGS

The General Assembly,

Alarmed that the number of people using drugs is rising despite the ratification of the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,

Grieved by the significant impact of illicit drug trade on public health, with some consequences being chronic diseases and an exacerbation of mental disorders, and an estimated statistic of 500,000 drug-related deaths globally, according to the UNODC World Drug Report 2020,

Deeply concerned by the fact that global security and stability is disarrayed through transnational crime, narco-related gangs and violence,

Noting with concern that corruption is deeply rooted in various branches across multiple nations, punitive measures are taken whilst overlooking root causes, thus the War on Drugs is failing considerably,

Expressing deep concern that the juvenile population from lower classes are being recruited in narco-terrorist organisations, thus affecting the social and economic stability of several countries,
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1. **Requests** that border patrols be further enforced and strengthened through the aid of the police force, legal authorities and other relevant personnel;

2. **Encourages** Member States to establish and implement an adequate mechanism for the identification, detection, confiscation, safe handling and disposal of illicit drugs through technological devices;

3. **Recommends** the introduction of awareness programmes such as the "Say No to Drugs" campaign targeted towards youngsters and implementing drug education programs;

4. **Urges** licensing systems that focus on tackling illicit trade which can help in regulating the population's drug consumption;

5. **Calls upon** Member States to implement laws to criminalise the illicit trade of drugs, which should be backed up with adequate enforcement and meaningful penalties;

6. **Encourages** all Member States to set up rehabilitation programs to support victims rather than use punitive measures which violates human rights;

7. **Appeals** to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to help to strengthen the judicial and regulatory institutions to effectively combat drug trafficking and related crimes.