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QUESTION OF : **STRENGTHENING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

The General Assembly,

Disturbed by the fact that on average every person in the world aged 15 or more drinks 6.2 litres of alcohol per year, according to the World Health Organisation,

Fully aware that 100 people die everyday from drug overdoses and this rate has tripled in the past 20 years,

Viewing with appreciation the efforts by UNOC Youth Initiatives which aim to connect young people from around the globe and empower them to become active in their schools, communities and youth groups for substance use prevention and health promotion,

Encouraged by the fact that the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is celebrated each year to strengthen global action and cooperation to achieve their goal of an international society of drug abuse,

Deeply conscious of synthetic drugs proliferating at an extraordinary rate in our towns and villages,

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1. Calls upon more drug rehabilitation centres in member states to provide necessary medically supervised detoxification and relief to the life-threatening physical effects of withdrawal for drug dependent abusers;
2. Urges the use of media, sensitization and awareness campaigns so that the public is made aware of the different impacts of substance abuse on the society, especially to eradicate taboo faced by drug addicts;
3. Recommends the introduction of prevention programmes to educate both adults and teenagers on drugs and alcohol abuse and its effects, and the introduction of diverse forms of activities such as music, dance and sport to decrease the probability of teens using drugs;
4. Affirms the promotion and improvement of a formal collection of information and gathering of evidence, both at national and international levels of reliable and comparable data on drug use and epidemiology in order to tackle drug abuse easily and also to track down drug traffickers;
5. Draws attention to the prevention and reduction of the negative health and social consequences of psychoactive substances with the aim of reducing demand for non-medical use of psychoactive substances;
6. Further recommends the research and development of new drug treatment methods in view of strengthening the ability to combat this global evil.
7. Requests member states to come together and support the development of scientific evidence based curricula aimed at training the relevant authorities on the latest techniques for the prevention of drug abuse in educational settings.
8. Urges that more sea and air patrols be conducted and severe actions be taken against the drug suppliers, drug smugglers and those selling drugs to adolescents ignorant of the negative impacts that drug abuse could have on their physical, social and mental health.

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9. Requests for financially developed countries to come forward and help developing countries by supplying patrol boats, air crafts, computers and more advanced technology which may be useful in tracking down illegal cocaine, marijuana and other kinds of drugs.

10. Requests that laws regulating substance abuse are stringent and well enforced such as restricting the marketing of gateway drugs.