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Other matters arising from the international drug control  
treaties**

### **Statement submitted by the International Police Association \*\***

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1. The drug problem is still a global challenge that constitutes a serious threat to the health, safety and well-being of humankind, in particular children and young people. Therefore we are advised to offer young people alternatives in the field of "Drug-Abuse", starting at primary schools, hand in hand with the assistance of parents, teachers and psychological experts. Illicit drug activities and organized crime activities around the globe are complex problems and require a coordinated approach involving all agencies and governments, including law-enforcement, in particular the police, who is confronted with drug problems daily. Experts in the field of pharmaceutical should be incorporated within the police, in order to give professional assistance to the police on the front line. There is a close link between drug supply, drug trafficking, organized crime and money-laundering and for this reason it needs cross-border cooperation between all involved agencies in order to be successful to "Counter Illicit Drug Supply".
2. It is a well-known fact, that there is a close link between drug, crime and prostitution. We are confronted with a new evolution within the field of drugs. At present we have to fight against synthetic drugs, like ecstasy, speed, etc. A way out of the production of illicit synthetic drugs seems to be a close cooperation between law-enforcement/police and the chemical (pharmaceutical) industry, including trade companies, in order to prevent illicit synthetic drug supply. Companies producing and dealing with synthetics and pharmaceuticals should be advised to take measures for countering illicit synthetic products which are used by criminals for the production of synthetic drugs. Above mentioned companies should look very carefully when selling these products to people who may ask for and if there are any doubts of legal use the police should be informed as soon as possible.
3. If all bodies, including all mechanisms of the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime will cooperate, there is a chance to reduce the production and selling of illicit (synthetic) drugs.