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To: United Nations Office of the High Commission for Human Rights

From: International Centre on Human Rights & Drug Policy, University of Essex

Re: Submission to upcoming report on *human rights challenges in addressing the world drug situation* pursuant to HRC resolution 52/24

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, based at the University of Essex, I am pleased to provide the following resources that reflect a range of relevant issues for the upcoming report being prepared for the Human Rights Council. These resources represent a comprehensive overview of the practical implementation of the International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy across a range of geographies and drug policy areas. It is our hope that these materials can provide useful insights into the development of this important report. Materials are as follows:

* [International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/)
* [Commentary to the International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/)
* Regional Implementation Dialogue Meeting Reports: [Latin America/The Caribbean](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/site/assets/files/1596/hrdp_mexico_summary.pdf), [South/Southeast Asia](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/site/assets/files/1793/hrdp_sea_report_feb2021_v2.pdf), [Eastern Europe/Central Asia](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/site/assets/files/1793/eeca_human_rights_dialogue_report_final_eng.pdf), and [Sub-Saharan Africa](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/guidelines-in-action/)
* [Preventing arbitrary detention in the context of drug control: A National Assessment Tool](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.humanrights-drugpolicy.org%2fassessment-tool&c=E,1,HKbnyAAYIa-vnfMqIa4RKs7msAJatsQIahtonPC8E_d0OOxnUBhQ9UEGn-tso6ziCZRsa7MTgfy8fDaLuSPS0xzVtbC4sLQFheFfUtIxzusk26iAoynF&typo=1)
* [Pathway for Creating a Human Rights-based Legal and Policy Environment Relating to Drugs](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/site/assets/files/1793/creating_human_rights_based_drug_policy_v7.pdf)
* [Global Spotlight: Influencing rights-based drug policy reform: the International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy in Action](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/guidelines-in-action/)
* [Regional Spotlight on Human Rights and Drug Policy: Sub-Saharan Africa](https://www.humanrights-drugpolicy.org/guidelines-in-action/)

Thank you for the opportunity to share these experiences and resources. As always, we are at your disposal should you have further questions.

All my best,

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