

### **Annex to the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998**

#### **Strengthening cooperation between the UNODC and the EMCDDA in the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding — joint work programme 2012–14**

We the undersigned, in our respective capacities of Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, hereinafter referred to as UNODC, and of Director of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, hereinafter referred to as the EMCDDA:

Recalling the responsibility of UNODC to assist Member States in their struggle against illicit drugs, crime and terrorism and to intensify efforts to fight transnational crime in all its dimensions, as well as to redouble the efforts to implement the commitment to counter the world drug problem and to take concerted action against international terrorism;

Recalling the EMCDDA's overall tasks to produce factual, objective, reliable and comparable information at European level concerning drugs and drug addiction and their consequences and to help provide the European Community and its Member States with an overall view of the drug and drug addiction situation when, in their respective areas of competence, they take measures or decide on action;

Recalling that UNODC and the EMCDDA are committed to ensuring that they cooperate effectively in appropriate areas to maximise the efforts of both organisations in strengthening European and international actions against illicit drugs and crime;

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding signed in 1998, the addendum of 2000 and the Work Programme agreed in 2007;

Taking into account the recent review of progress carried out at the technical meetings organised in June 2009 in Lisbon and in January 2011 in Vienna, and noting the conclusions drawn on the benefits arising from the Work Programme and the need to update this annex in order to reflect current priorities and organisational needs;

Both parties agreed that the following areas will be regarded as priorities for pursuing cooperation and knowledge exchange for the coming three-year period (2012–14).

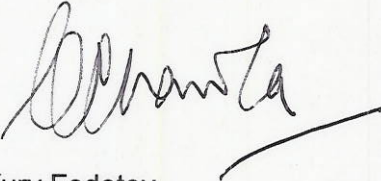
#### **Agree as a framework for our cooperation for the period 2012–14:**


- To work together to identify and promote harmonised standards for data collection and data analysis:
  - participation in specific initiatives, studies and expert meetings focusing on development of methodologies for data collection and data interpretation
  - dissemination and development of guidelines, toolkits and supporting documents for data collection, analysis and reporting
  - exchange of expertise in quality assurance procedures

- To identify new trends and build common understanding of recent developments in the drug phenomenon at global and European level:
  - conduct joint analysis and exchange relevant information on new drugs and new trends, including new drug combination and consumption patterns
  - organise technical meeting on emerging trends with the participation of the UNODC and EMCDDA experts, and when needed, other specialists from global, regional and national institutions active in the drugs field
  - further collaborate within the EMCDDA's Early warning system and UNODC's SMART project
- To pursue activities in the field of drug demand reduction:
  - sharing information on the identification and dissemination of good practices and effective strategies for prevention, treatment, and reducing the health and social consequences of the misuse of drugs, with regard to both interventions and their evaluation
  - exchange of information and methodological approaches in the area of monitoring of the availability, coverage and quality of interventions
- To continue collaboration and exchange of information in the area of supply and legislative developments:
  - relevant developments in international and national legislation, including information on their implementation, as well as relevant evaluation tools and methodologies
  - exchange of information on methodological approaches and developments concerning drug supply, including seizures, prices, drug-related crimes, composition and purity of drugs and supply reduction activities
- To seek synergy where possible and share information on capacity building initiatives in the area of developing drug information systems in third countries of mutual interest:
  - exchange of information and know-how on methods and structure for developing monitoring systems at national and supra national level
  - joint activities where possible and contributions to the meetings and seminars on building drug epidemiological systems, networks and expertise in data collection and data analysis within the respective work programmes.
- To allow the other organisation, unless specific restrictions apply, and in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding, to use the information provided as deemed appropriate and with reference to its source;
- To explore any additional areas of common interest for cooperation;

- To appoint as contact points: Angela Me, Chief Statistics and Surveys Section in UNODC and Ms Klaudia Palczak, Policy officer to the Director in the EMCDDA for the maintenance of close, direct and continuing exchange with a view to ensuring the implementation of the provisions of this document;
- To monitor the progress of the above activities closely and convene, as appropriate, coordination review meetings;
- To update this Annex in the first semester of 2014.

Done in Vienna on 2 May 2012

*for*   
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