Explanatory notes

Data reported later than 1 November 2016 could not be taken into consideration in preparing this report.

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References to dollars ($) are to United States dollars, unless otherwise stated.

The following abbreviations have been used in this report:

- AIRCOP: Airport Communication Project
- APAAN: alpha-phenylacetoacetoneitrile
- ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- CARICC: Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre
- CARICOM: Caribbean Community
- CICAD: Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
- ECOWAS: Economic Community of West African States
- EMCDDA: European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
- Europol: European Police Office
- GBL: gamma-butyrolactone
- GHB: gamma-hydroxybutyric acid
- ha: hectare
- I2ES: International Import and Export Authorization System
- INCB: International Narcotics Control Board
- INTERPOL: International Criminal Police Organization
- IONICS: Project Ion Incident Communication System
- LSD: lysergic acid diethylamide
- MDMA: 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
- NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- OAS: Organization of American States
- PEN Online: Pre-Export Notification Online
- PICS: Precursors Incident Communication System
- SMART: global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme
- THC: tetrahydrocannabinol
- UNAIDS: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- WCO: World Customs Organization
- WHO: World Health Organization