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— KEY DEVELOPMENTS —



Less opioids were used in 2019 than in 2018 most notably fentanyl and oxycodone. Opium consumption continued decreasing.

Availability of narcotic drugs varied significantly. 80% of the world (mainly less developed nations), consumed only 13% of the available morphine.



Cannabis for medical and scientific purposes is on the rise – 468.3 tons in 2019.

INCB is working on standardized reporting and consistent international control.

Licit consumption of cocaine increased

In 2019, reaching 466 kg globally, up from 394 kg reported in 2018.



Overall balance in the supply of opiate raw materials and demand for narcotic drugs in 2019

More morphine-rich variety of opium poppy was available than in 2018, but significantly less of the thebaine-rich one. Reverse trend expected in 2020.

60th anniversary of the 1961 Convention

The Single Narcotic Convention, adopted in 1961 celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. A special report lists the achievements.

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