Explanatory notes

Data reported later than 1 November 2018 could not be taken into consideration in the preparation of 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:

APAAN  \textit{alpha}-phenylacetoacetoniitrile
ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CARICC Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre
CARICOM Caribbean Community
CBD cannabidiol
CELAC Community of Latin American and Caribbean States
CICAD Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States
ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States
EMCDDA European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction
Europol European Police Office
FELCN Special Force to Combat Drug Trafficking
GBl \textit{gamma}-butyrolactone
GH\textit{B} \textit{gamma}-hydroxybutyric acid
I\textit{ZES} International Import and Export Authorization System
INCB International Narcotics Control Board
INTERPOL International Criminal Police Organization
IONICS Project Ion Incident Communication System
ISIL Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant
LS\textit{D} lysergic acid diethylamide
MD\textit{MA} 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
PEN Online Pre-Export Notification Online system
PICS Precursors Incident Communication System
\alpha\textit{-PVP} \alpha-pyrrolidinovalerophenone
SCO Shanghai Cooperation Organization
SMART global Synthetics Monitoring: Analysis, Reporting and Trends programme
THC tetrahydrocannabinol
UNAIDS Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAMA United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan
UNODC United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
WCO World Customs Organization
WHO World Health Organization