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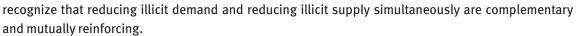
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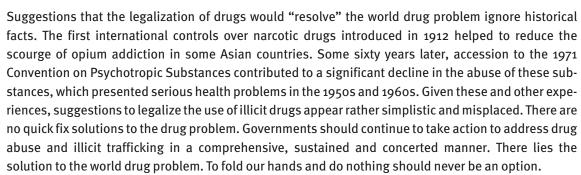
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In looking at the world's drug problem, two developments are of particular concern. First, criminal organizations are taking advantage of loopholes in the control systems in Africa and West Asia for chemicals used in illicit drug manufacture and are in the process of establishing trafficking hubs for chemicals in those regions. Numerous suspicious shipments of precursor chemicals to Africa and West Asia have been identified. Also of concern is the establishment of trafficking routes for cocaine between countries in South America and Africa. Countries affected by these developments should introduce appropriate measures to prevent their territories from being exploited as centres for criminal activity, possibly with the assistance of richer countries in a spirit of shared responsibility.

Almost 10 years after the adoption of the Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Drug Demand Reduction by the General Assembly, the time has come to reflect on investments made by Governments in reducing drug demand. Many Governments have made considerable efforts, but more needs to be done. Governments should





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