

## **The International Narcotics Control Board commences its 106th session**

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VIENNA, 4 February (UN Information Service) - The International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) today commenced its 106th session in Vienna, and will remain in session until 8 February 2013.

At the opening of the session, the President of the Board, Mr. Raymond Yans, paid tribute to the late Member and former President of the Board, Professor Hamid Ghodse. The Board observed a minute of silence in honour of Professor Ghodse.

During the present session, the Board will continue its work in reviewing the implementation of and compliance with the three international drug control conventions. In particular, the Board will review the findings of its recent missions and will consider issues such as the abuse of new psychoactive substances and emerging precursors being used in illicit drug manufacture.

The INCB Annual Report for 2012, as well as its annual report on precursors and technical publications on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, will be launched globally on 5 March 2013. The INCB Annual Report reviews the status of implementation of the drug control treaties, highlights ongoing challenges in drug control, and makes recommendations to Governments and international and regional organizations.

INCB is the independent, quasi-judicial body mandated to promote and monitor Government compliance with the international drug control conventions. Established by the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the Board is made of up thirteen members, who are elected in a personal capacity by the Economic and Social Council for a term of five years.

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