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Dear World Leader:

Re: Proposed Amendment of UN Drug Treaties

Enclosed please find **“Proposed Amendment of United Nations Drug Treaties.”**

One year ago, I wrote to you concerning the failed “War on Drugs” and suggested that the Commission on Narcotic Drugs needed to ask some very fundamental questions regarding world drug policy.

1. *Does the UN policy of drug prohibition do more harm than good?*
2. *Does drug-prohibition policy itself cause increased drug availability, potency, use, abuse, addiction, disease and death?*
3. *Does drug prohibition also cause addict crime and turf-war crime, violence, corruption and injustice; does it erode freedom, liberty and human rights; and does it tear at the moral fabric of mankind worldwide?*
4. *Has massive drug-war spending compromised the role of the responsible elements of society (police, military, intelligence agencies, government, business, academia, media and international organizations) and aligned those elements with the interests of irresponsible drug purveyors and drug cartels, both sides supporting the continuation of drug prohibition for economic gain?*
5. *What drug policy should replace the UN/Al Capone-style drug-prohibition paradigm?*

Sadly but certainly, **the answer** to the first four questions is **“YES.”** The answer to the fifth question is the enclosed **Proposed Amendment of UN Drug Treaties**. A single convention should set the framework for the control and regulation of alcohol, tobacco and all other drugs. And individual nations need to be empowered to test and set their own drug policies, whereby illegal drug markets can be closed and replaced with regulated and controlled drug markets, reducing death, disease and violence.

I invite your country to support the **Proposed Amendment of UN Drug Treaties**. If a single nation signs and files the **Proposed Amendment of UN Drug Treaties, or one like it as its own**, with the UN Secretary-General that act of leadership will start the ball rolling toward **specific and concrete reform** at 2016 UNGASS on world drug policy.

Yours truly,

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