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STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING: LEGISLATION,
INSTITUTIONS, AND PROPOSALS

Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13, 2008

John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York

Theater Lobby, Haaren Hall

899 Tenth Avenue

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

• **First Day: December 12, 2008**

9:00 am to 9:15 am: Welcoming Remarks

President Jeremy Travis, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Prof. George J. Andreopoulos, Center for International Human Rights.

Major (Ret.) Vasileios L. Konstantopoulos, Head of Delegation, Crime Analyst, KE.ME.A.

9:15 am to 11:00 am: The Nature of the Crime/National and Regional Trends

Arjan Muça, "Trafficking in Drugs in Albania and South East Europe."

Vasileios L. Konstantopoulos, "The Nature of the Threat."

Cüneyt Güner and Süleyman Hancerli, "Drug Policy Making and Institutions: Past Experiences and Future Prospects."

Barry Spunt, Commentator.

11:15 am to 12:45 pm: International/Regional Legal Framework and Institutions

Irma Deljkić, "Understanding the Drug Legislation and Policy: International, Regional and National Perspectives."

Dimitar Hadzhiyski, "Drug Trafficking: Legal Framework/International, Regional and National Levels."

Hans Maasdam, "Challenges of a Liaison Officer in the Fight against Drug Trafficking."

Taner Aydin, Commentator.

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm: Luncheon and Keynote Address

Brian Taylor, “International Drug Trafficking: Threats, Challenges and Responses.”

2:30 pm to 4:15 pm: Cross Border Cooperation

Ela Banaj, “Heroin Trafficking Routes through Albania to the United States: the Counteraction by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.”

Ramiz Huremagić, “Joint Investigations – The Western Balkans’ View.”

Doroteya Kehayova, “Drug Trafficking: Organized Crime on the Doorstep of Europe.”

Mr. Georgios Kastanis, “Cross Border Cooperation.”

George Andreopoulos, Commentator.

4:30: Reception at the President’s Office, John Jay College

- **Second Day: December 13, 2008**

9:00 am to 11:00 am: Best Practices and Policies of Prevention

Sokol Selfollari, “Enhancing Capacities of Law Enforcement Agencies to Act in a Preventive Manner.”

Rossitsa Stoyanova, “Prevention – Better than Cure: Best Practices and Policies of Drug Prevention for Young People.”

Jack Stanton, “Best Practices and Policies of Prevention.”

Pavel Abraham, “Policy and Good Practices in the Field of Illicit Drug Use Prevention in Romania.”

Ric Curtis, Commentator.

11:15 am to 11:45 pm: Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch**

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LIST OF TOPICS**1. The Nature of the Crime/National and Regional Trends**

What are the most common forms of drug trafficking encountered in the region? Do any patterns emerge? [International connections of those activities].

2. International/Regional Legal Framework and Institutions

A discussion of the relevant international Anti-Drug-Trafficking instruments and their implementation in the region. This will include a discussion of the legislative implementation (in the domestic sphere) of the relevant United Nations instruments, as well as of implementation in terms of law enforcement practices. In addition, the European Union Drug Strategy (2005-2012) will be analyzed.

3. Cross Border Cooperation

What is the regional record on existing cooperation mechanisms, in particular on extradition and information exchange agreements? How can we enhance regional inter-agency cooperation (between intelligence services, national law enforcement agencies—including customs and border police—and other civil services such as healthcare agencies)? [Role played by new technologies including internet in facilitating anti-narcotics operations: data bases and checking the internet for evidence of money laundering].

4. Best Practices and Policies of Prevention

This section will address some key focal issues relating to prevention. These include: (1) analysis of the factors that generate demand for drugs; (2) development of programs that decrease such demand among the public, including the provision of adequate and reliable information on the risks involved in drug addiction; (3) enhancing the capacity of law enforcement and other governmental agencies to act in a preventive manner; and (4) the role of civil society actors in the development of prevention initiatives.

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