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Globalization & New Communication Technologies have changed the way we live.

Along with the benefits, however, comes the danger that the advantages of these innovations are being undermined by individuals and criminal groups for illicit gain.



Criminals Sans Frontieres

Like legitimate business, drug trafficking organizations have restructured, decentralized and globalized.



Cyber criminals use new technologies to:

Agree on illicit drug sales and purchases online;

Keep in touch with each other by using Internet chat rooms protected by firewalls to make them impenetrable;

Communicate with each other by using mobile telephones with prepaid cards that can be bought anonymously;



The methods of traditional law enforcement are often insufficient.

Because of :

Structured hierarchies and geographical demarcation of law enforcement.

Rapidity with which criminals have taken advantage of technologies has not been met by equal progress within the ranks of law enforcement .

The legal framework for prosecuting these crimes often does not exist.



INCB recommends that

Governments should establish specialized inter-agency high-tech drug units.

They should be provided with critical infrastructure protection to protect their information and intelligence databases from “cyber attack”.

At the international level, measures should be harmonized as far as possible.



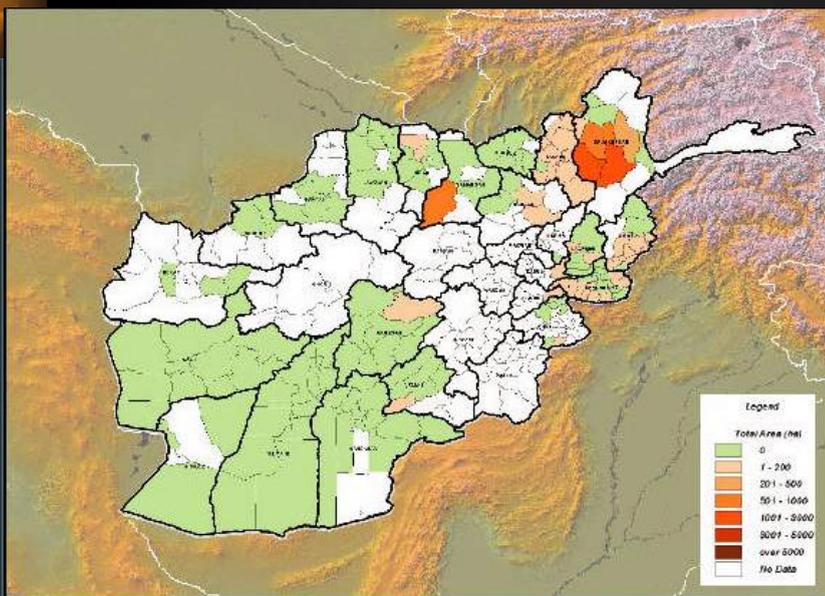
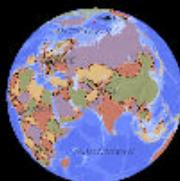
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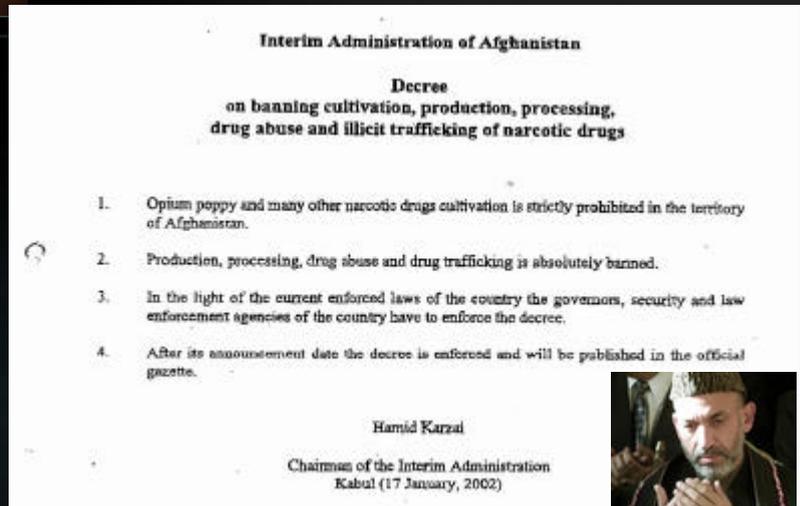
- **Situation in Afghanistan**
- **Worldwide situation of Cannabis**
- **Worldwide situation of Amphetamine Type Stimulants**
- **Situation in the Golden Triangle**



The situation in Afghanistan

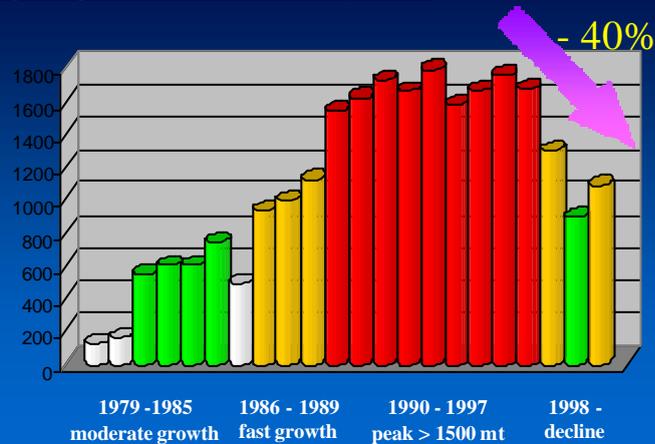


Opium production trends



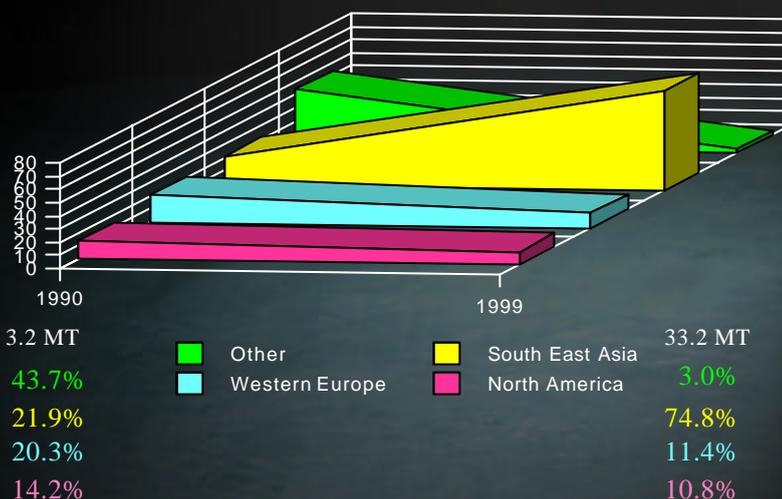
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Opium production trends in Myanmar (1979-2000)





World ATS seizures: 1990 compared to 1999 (100%) (excl. ecstasy)



The innovative way of the ACCORD Plan of Action

- Proactively advocating **civic awareness** on dangers of drugs and social response
- Building consensus and sharing **best practices on demand reduction**
- Strengthening the rule of law by an **enhanced network of control measures** and improved law enforcement co-operation and **legislative review**
- Eliminating the supply of illicit drugs by **boosting alternative development** programmes
- and community participation in the eradication of illicit crops



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