

Universal Declaration on the Legalization of All Adult Drug Use

Ending the War on Drugs for Public Health, Justice, and Freedom

Preamble

Recognizing that the global war on drugs has caused more harm than good, perpetuating cycles of violence, inequality, and mass incarceration;

Acknowledging the inherent right of adults to make informed choices about their own bodies and personal substance use, free from unnecessary government interference;

Affirming the importance of shifting from punitive measures to public health-based approaches that prioritize harm reduction, education, and access to support services;

Understanding that the regulation of all drugs is the most effective way to ensure safety, transparency, and social equity while reducing the influence of illicit markets;

We, the undersigned, present this Universal Declaration as a foundation for the legalization, regulation, and responsible use of all drugs for adults, marking the end of the war on drugs.

Articles

Section I: Fundamental Rights

Article 1: Right to Personal Autonomy

Every adult has the right to make informed decisions about their own body, including the use of any substance, free from criminal penalties or social stigma.

Article 2: Right to Safety and Transparency

Adults have the right to access regulated and safe drug products, free from contamination, adulteration, and the risks posed by unregulated markets.

Article 3: Right to Non-Criminalization

The use, possession, and personal cultivation of all drugs shall not be criminalized. Instead, policies shall focus on harm reduction and public health.

Article 4: Right to Education and Support

Every adult has the right to access comprehensive education on drug effects, risks, and harm reduction strategies, as well as non-judgmental support services for those seeking help.

Section II: Regulation and Public Health

Article 5: Regulation Over Prohibition

All drugs shall be produced, distributed, and sold within a legal and regulated framework to ensure safety, quality control, and the elimination of illicit markets.

Article 6: Harm Reduction Programs

Governments shall implement harm reduction strategies, including supervised consumption sites, needle exchange programs, and overdose prevention measures.

Article 7: Equitable Access to Support Services

All individuals seeking help for substance use challenges shall have access to affordable, evidence-based healthcare and addiction treatment, free from stigma.

Article 8: Public Awareness and Education

Governments shall prioritize public awareness campaigns to educate individuals about the responsible use of substances, harm reduction strategies, and the risks associated with drug use.

Section III: Social Justice and Equity

Article 9: Addressing Historical Injustices

Governments shall expunge criminal records related to non-violent drug offenses and provide reparative measures for individuals and communities disproportionately affected by the war on drugs.

Article 10: Equitable Participation in the Legal Drug Market

Policies shall ensure that communities historically harmed by drug prohibition have equitable opportunities to participate in the legal drug industry.

Article 11: Protection from Discrimination

Individuals who use drugs shall be protected from discrimination in employment, housing, healthcare, and education. Stigma shall be actively challenged through public education and policy reform.

Section IV: Global Collaboration and Monitoring

Article 12: International Cooperation

Nations shall collaborate on evidence-based drug policies, share best practices, and work together to dismantle the international illicit drug trade.

Article 13: Monitoring and Accountability

Independent bodies shall oversee the implementation of this declaration, ensuring that policies are aligned with public health, safety, and social equity goals.

Article 14: Continuous Research and Adaptation

Governments shall prioritize ongoing research into drug use, its effects, and the outcomes of legalization to inform adaptive and responsive policies.

Conclusion

This Universal Declaration calls for a fundamental shift in global drug policy--ending the war on drugs and replacing prohibition with legalization, regulation, and education. By embracing harm reduction, personal autonomy, and social equity, we can create a future where drug use is no longer a source of fear, stigma, or oppression.

Together, let us acknowledge that the war on drugs has failed, and it is time to forge a new path built on justice, public health, and freedom for all.