

Country: Syrian Arab Republic

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Agenda: Effects of Drug Decriminalization on Drug Abuse

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The issue of drug decriminalization and its impact on drug abuse is a matter of great concern for Syria. As a nation, Syria acknowledges the complexities surrounding drug abuse and its detrimental effects on public health, social stability, and national security. Syria recognizes that drug abuse is a global challenge that requires a multifaceted approach, considering various cultural, social, and economic factors. Syria is committed to addressing this issue in a comprehensive manner, focusing on prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation, while also respecting human rights and international law.

In the past, various international organizations have attempted to address drug abuse through punitive measures, which have often led to human rights violations and further marginalization of affected communities. Syria has actively participated in international efforts to combat drug abuse, emphasizing the importance of a balanced approach. Syria has cooperated with other nations to strengthen law enforcement cooperation, intelligence sharing, and capacity building to combat drug trafficking. However, Syria firmly believes that punitive measures alone are inadequate to tackle drug abuse effectively.

To effectively combat drug abuse, Syria advocates for a comprehensive approach that focuses on several key points such as; implementing widespread drug prevention programs, public awareness campaigns, and educational initiatives to inform individuals about the risks associated with drug abuse, investing in accessible and affordable drug treatment centers and rehabilitation facilities; promoting evidence-based practices for recovery, and offering support to those seeking help; establishing harm reduction programs, such as needle exchange programs and supervised injection facilities, to minimize the health and social consequences of drug abuse; addressing the root causes of drug abuse by promoting socioeconomic development, poverty reduction, and employment opportunities, especially for vulnerable populations; Encourage increased international cooperation to tackle drug trafficking at its source and disrupt supply chains, while also respecting national sovereignty and avoiding harmful interventions.