

Support Grassroots Cannabis & Hemp Advocacy at the UN Drug Policy Summit

Dear Friend, I am writing on behalf of our dedicated global, grassroots non-profit organisations. We have been collectively advocating for cannabis [hemp] law and policy reform on an international level for decades.

Demonised, criminalised, and shrouded in misinformation for far too long, the tide is turning for cannabis [hemp]. The plant has been at the centre of **contentious UN debates**, and we have been on the front lines, witnessing the real-world consequences of outdated and punitive approaches. **With supporters like you, we have managed to make history**, eg, getting the WHO to recognize cannabis as a medicine and consider CBD as exempt from treaty controls.

A new cycle begins in **March 2024** with our **return to the UN** headquarters in Vienna, Austria to address the [Commission on Narcotic Drugs](#) (CND). This year, there will be two extra days of **high-level ministerial drug policy discussions** that we spent the last year preparing for.

We believe it is crucial that **authentic grassroots voices** are heard at the CND. We need your support to enable our team to speak truth to power. Among our key activities are:

- Written and oral **statements** in the CND plenary and negotiating fora that should help shape the debate and influence policy outcomes.
- **UN conference** side event 1: - "**Access and Availability, Palliative to Primary Care**"
- **UN conference** side event 2: - "**Cannabis Biopiracy**"
- **Cannabis Embassy Campus Vienna** - sessions of training and capacity-building for CND participants and Cannabis policy reform supporters.

Your contribution will enable our group of advocates to continue **impacting global cannabis [hemp] policies in a sustainable way**: Engaging with international policymakers, sharing our experiences, and advocating for progressive and just drug policies that respect people and their cultures by prioritising public health, social justice, human rights, environmental and cultural conservation.

All support makes a difference. Together, we can show the world that **the cannabis community is united, informed and unstoppable**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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The CND is a subsidiary body of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the main UN forum responsible for developing and implementing international drug control policies.

Our group is supported by three UN NGO observers (ECOSOC status): [Fields of Green for ALL NPC](#) (South Africa), [ENCOD](#) (Europe), [DRCnet Foundation](#) (USA). We also collaborate with others.

The [2019–2029 Declaration](#)'s Mid-Term Review (a key UN drug policy guiding document pushed by Trump) will be held on 14–15 March 2024. After that, the 67th CND session will be held from 18–22 March. We will hold our Cannabis Embassy Campus Vienna before and during these CND events.

We require a minimum of €10,000 for our travel, accommodation, incidental expenses, and the organization of the events, including material and guests' travel. **Account information below.**

We regret we cannot offer companies visual representation inside the UN (diplomatic neutrality rules).

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