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INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING CONTROL

Introduction

The negative impacts of the illicit drug trade touch every society in the world. The United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC), in its annual World Drug Report for 2005, estimates that 200 million people have consumed illicit drugs at least once in the past 12 months and that the retail value of drug trade is at US\$ 321 Billion. The destructive trade in illicit drugs and its consumption affects almost every level of human security from individual health, to safety and social welfare, with devastating consequences to global socio-economic development.

2. As with any sort of item meant for consumption, illicit drugs work on supply and demand scale. In international efforts to combat the trade in illicit drugs, national level efforts to reduce demand for drugs needs to be done with corresponding measure to stem and eradicate the supply of drugs. In many of the main drug producing areas in Southeast and Central Asia, and Latin America, while the trafficking and supply of the overall drugs tend to be controlled by organized criminal groups, the crops used to produce illicit drugs are grown by organized criminal efforts to provide alternative sources of incomes to these farmers, other ongoing efforts in law enforcement, drug prevention and demand reduction will not be entirely successful.

3. Malaysia is not a drug producing country and drugs found in the country are smuggled from the Golden Triangle Area. The Government has been given top priority in overcoming the drug problem in the country, and has proclaimed it as a threat to national security since 1983. To deal with the problems of drug abuse and trafficking, the Government formulated the National Drug Policy in 1996. The main objective of this Policy is to eliminate the demand and supply of illicit drugs. This Policy has four priorities namely in prevention, enforcement, treatment and rehabilitation. For Malaysia, there are three major drug related problems:



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