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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORT OF VIET NAM

**Prevention and combat against drug and drug-related crimes between 2011 and
2013: Process and outcomes**

I. Introduction: Overview of achievements (2011-2013):

Policy and Law System on drug prevention and drug offenses has been improved: Law on Handling of Administrative Violations (2012), Ordinance 09/2014/UBTVQH13 of the Standing Committee of the National Assembly to review procedures, decisions to apply administrative remedies at People's Court (2014); National Strategy for drug prevention and control in Vietnam to 2020 and orientation to 2030; National target program on prevention of drug in 2012-2015 period ; expand treatment programs for opiate addiction with substitution drugs (methadone) ; Research and propose Law on Treatment of drug addiction .

Prevention and combat against drug process has been focused and steered drastically to implement 3 reductions: supply, demand and harm reduction thus limiting the increase of drug addiction and getting high results in drug-crime

combating. The task forces continue to consolidate. Basically, Vietnam has prevented replanting poppies and cannabises; operated treatment for a large number of drug addicts and expanded treatment programs with methadone. International cooperations on prevention and drug control are extended in-depth and practical, enlisted experience, international resources. Investing in prevention and anti-drug is getting more concerned .

II. Current Situation of Drug and Drug-related Crimes in Viet Nam

2.1. Drug-related crimes situation 2011 - 2013

In 2011: detected 18,623 drug-related cases and arrested 26,687 peoples involved

In 2012: detected 20,917 drug-related cases and arrested 31,419 drug offenders

In 2013: detected 21,188 drug-related cases and arrested 32,332 drug offenders

2.2. Drug addicts and detoxification situation (2011 – 2013)

2.2.1. Drug addicts situation

In 2011: Nearly 160.000 drug addicts (estimated).

In 2012: Over 172.000 drug addicts (estimated)

In 2013: Over 180.000 drug addicts (estimated)

The uses of synthetic drugs tend to increase with varied ingredients , especially heroin addicts tend to switch to synthetic drugs .

2.2.2. Detoxification activities in 2011 - 2013

In 2011: 40,013 drug addicts were treated for detoxification

In 2012: 47,000 drug addicts were treated for detoxification

In 2013: 65,806 drug addicts were treated for detoxification

By December 12th 2013, 15,286 drug addicts were given Methadone in 29 cities and provinces with 75 Treatment Centers.

III. National Strategy for prevention and drug control in Vietnam till 2020 and direction to 2030. National Target Program on Drug Prevention and Combat in period 2012 - 2015

*** *Direction :***

- Continuing to specify drug prevention and combat as a key task, urgent as well as regular, continuous and in long term;
- Organizing effective prevention and rehabilitation to constraint the rise of drug abuse and reduce drug demand;
- Strengthening the fight and effective prevention on drugs purchasing, trafficking from abroad to Vietnam;
- Continuing to review and implement the Law system on drug prevention and combat;
- Consolidating the Task force on drug prevention and combat;
- Improve the effectiveness of international cooperation in drug prevention and combat.

*** *National Target Program on Drug Prevention and Combat 2012 - 2015***

Concrete goals until 2015:

- Annual reduction of 5% of the current number of drug addicts;
- The rate of successful detection and arrest in nationwide would grow 10% year-on-year ;
- Remove all 'hotspots' in terms of drug crimes and addicts nationwide til 2015;
- Detect and destroy 100% of illegally cultivated poppies and cannabis.
- 100% of documented drug addicts receive detoxification under various forms;
- Estimated funding: VND 2,522 billion (VND 830 billion of investment capital and VND 1,692 billion of performing capital).

IV. International Cooperation

Viet Nam has signed and acceded to a number of relevant international conventions, such as: UN Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (as amended by the Protocol 1972); UN Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; UN Convention against the Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1998; UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crimes, 2000;

The country has also signed 18 agreements, MoUs, bilateral agreements, including with Myanmar, Hungary, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Russia, China, and the United States.

Appointed many delegations to attend bilateral and multilateral meetings.

Organized the implementation of the 15- year bilateral cooperation between Vietnam – Thailand; Developed an action plan to coordinate drug prevention on the border of Vietnam and China ; implemented coordination mechanisms on drug prevention through the international airport among Vietnam and Thailand and ASEAN countries .

V. Direction in regional cooperation

- ***Challenges***

Drug abuse situation is still complicated . Drug crimes involving foreign elements, drug trafficking activities through the border roads and aviation keep growing, thoroughly taking advantage of advances in science and technology to serve criminal activities . The fighting of drug criminal forces is getting more aggressive. Many new synthetic drugs are going to penetrate into Vietnam . The number of addicts in the country has not decreased , the uses of synthetic drugs increase and spread to many places .

- ***Direction for regional cooperation***

Improving the effectiveness of international cooperation among countries shared common borders; countries located on trafficking routes and the international, non-government and intergovernment organizations in the drug prevention and combat.

Implementing the commitments of the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on drug prevention and combat, the Ministerial Conference of the Mekong Sub-region (MOU), the Ministerial Conference of Vietnam - Laos - Cambodia , the records of the bilateral agreements.

Developing and implementing sub- programs under the National cooperation program between UNODC and Vietnam Government for the period 2012 - 2017 . / .