

STATEMENT

BY THE HEADS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE SHANGHAI COOPERATION ORGANIZATION ON DRUG THREAT

1. The SCO member states express concern over the growing problem of international drug threat that seriously challenges international security and sustainable economic development of states and requires consolidation of the efforts by the international community.
2. The member states express their firm commitment to the preservation and strengthening of the existing international drug control system based on the three United Nations framework conventions and with the UN central coordinating role and they consistently oppose attempts to undermine the existing international system of combating the drug threat.
3. The member states believe that it is extremely important to join forces on the basis of an integrated and balanced approach and principle of common and shared responsibility of states for the world drug problem, and focus on specific measures in order to ensure subsequent elimination of global drug production, including eradication of illicit cultivation of narcotic plants and their processing, creation of an effective system of legal response to the emergence of new synthetic drugs and other psychoactive substances, as well as strengthened cooperation in the fields of drug rehabilitation and effective drug demand reduction.
4. The SCO member states express concern over the high level of drug production in Afghanistan that poses a threat to the socio-economic development and security of this and other countries. In this regard, they are willing to cooperate in the fight against the drug threat, both bilaterally and multilaterally, and facilitate the consolidation of the international community efforts and cooperation sought to solve this problem.
5. The member states underline the intention to come up with a common position at the Special Session of the UN General Assembly on the world drug problem to be convened in 2016 with due account of the outcome of the events held in the SCO member states dedicated to the cooperation in combating drug trafficking.

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