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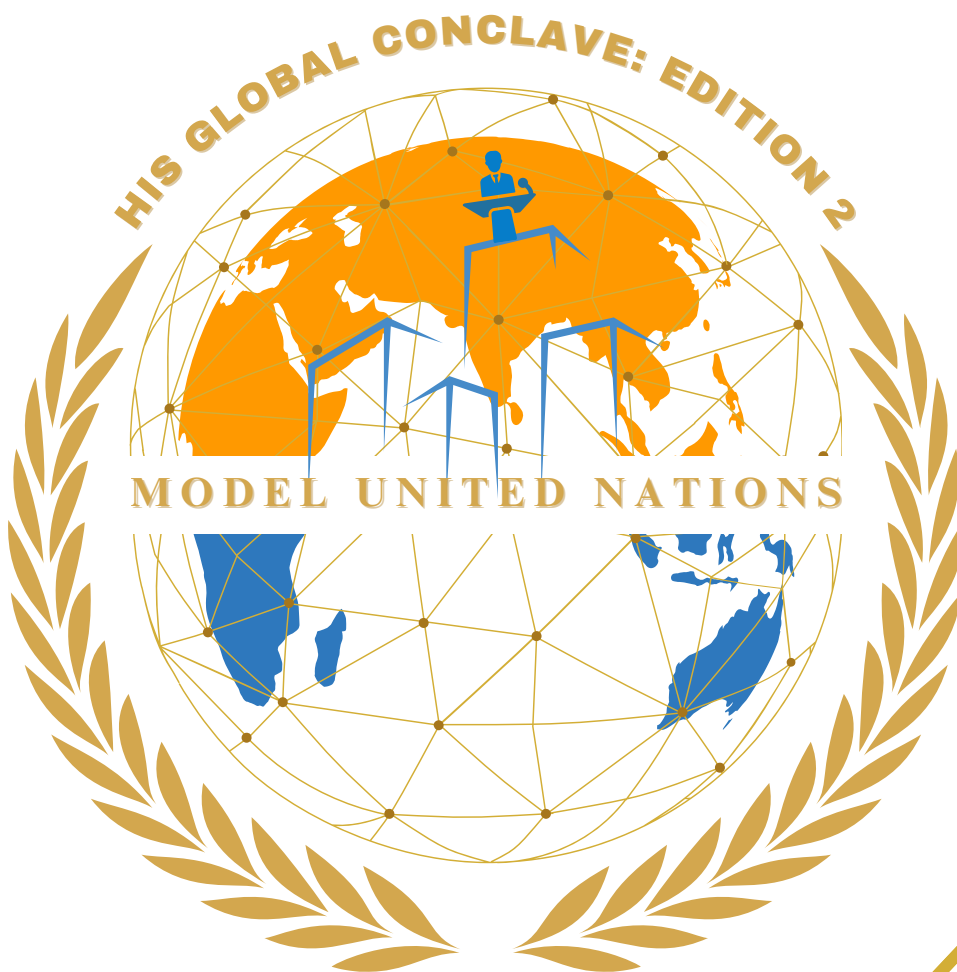
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# BACKGROUND GUIDE

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**UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS  
AND CRIME**

*"Fostering Global Dialogue for a Better Future"*

Dear Delegates,

To those of you who have done this before, those of you who haven't, and those of you who joined because you saw the words "drugs" and "crime" in the title (that's why I became chair for this committee), I welcome you all to HISGC 25', Edition 2!

We are so excited to serve as your chair and vice chairs for the UNODC committee and can't wait to see your debate, diplomacy, problem solving, and of course, we can't wait to see you all bicker about weed (just keep it verbal, looking at you DISEC).

Now without further ado,

When we come together to discuss the widespread issues of drugs which are prevalent in our society, We encourage you to continue sharing your perspectives and collaborating with fellow delegates to develop creative, effective (and maybe radical) solutions, the work of UNODC is to ensure that the transmission of drugs ceases as soon as possible

Though fights may erupt, remember that you all have a common goal, a goal that strives for the betterment of the world (but let's be honest, fights are the best part of MUNs, so feel free to instigate if you think it will help your vision of a better society)

One more thing to keep in mind, though the delegate who proposes a worldwide ban on drugs might have the moral high ground, the delegate who declares war on opposing countries because of drugs (even if they're objectively wrong), but still uses drugs for their own profit, just might be more deserving of the best delegate title!

Sincerely,  
Saketh CV  
Srinadhi US  
Rehan Dayim Saied

# History of the Committee

## UNODC - United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), established in 1997, aims to keep the world overdose rate to a minimum and ideally at 0%. Initially it was composed of two other committees which merged, those being the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and the Centre for International Crime Prevention (CICP). More recently the committee also aims to help governments (ironically the main users of narcotics, but that's for the committee to discuss), fight trafficking, crime, cybercrime and corruption (again, ironic).

UNODC played a key role in implementing several major international treaties, such as the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the 1988 Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the 2000 UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention), and the 2003 UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), these will be elaborated on later.

In a nutshell, UNODC is the committee that gathers up information about various drug related crimes all over the world, rolls up these criminals and lights the match, sending these vile humans to jail. UNODC isn't the most decorated committee, but still plays a huge impact in worldwide safety.

# Introduction to the Agenda

## Agenda 1: Combating the Global Rise of Synthetic Drugs: Challenges and Solutions

Over the past few years, the swift proliferation of synthetic narcotics like fentanyl, methamphetamine, and new psychoactive substances (NPS) has emerged as a significant global issue. Unlike conventionally grown narcotics, synthetic narcotics are easily mass-produced inexpensively and rapidly in hidden labs utilizing readily accessible to dealers. This renders them difficult to detect, regulate, and enforce.

The international synthetic drug crisis threatens public health, law enforcement infrastructure, and global security, necessitating a coordinated international response. The UNODC seeks to enable international cooperation to enhance border management, forensic capability, and early warning, while ensuring public health and human rights sensitivities.

## Agenda 2: Addressing the role of technology in transnational crime: Cybercrime, Dark web, and Digital Trafficking

Technology advancing has its ups and downs, on one hand we get a new iPhone every year, on the other, it gave rise to the dark web, a mosh pit in the inner regions of the internet, nearly undetectable, making it perfect for the sale of drugs and weapons. These criminal networks thrive and are outside the jurisdiction of your friendly neighborhood policeman, which is why the UNODC aims to target these illicit networks and put a stop to them before they get even more out of hand

This agenda seeks to explore ways to strengthen digital security frameworks, enhance international cooperation, and build the technical capacity of the police to combat cybercrime effectively while ensuring the protection of privacy, freedom, and digital rights of normal civilians, so rest assured, your search history remains safe, (for now).

## Key Treaties and Agreements:

### 1. Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs (1961)

- Consolidated previous drug control treaties into one framework.
- Aims to limit the production, manufacture, and distribution of narcotic drugs to medical and scientific purposes.
- Later amended by the 1972 Protocol, strengthening international cooperation and preventive measures.

### 2. Convention on Psychotropic Substances (1971)

- Extended drug control to include synthetic and psychotropic substances such as LSD, amphetamines, and barbiturates.

### 3. United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1988)

- Focused on combating drug trafficking and money laundering.
- Encouraged international cooperation in tracing drug-related assets and criminal networks.

### 4. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) – 2000 (Palermo Convention)

- The cornerstone treaty against organized crime.
- Has three main Protocols:
  - Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children
  - Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air
  - Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking of Firearms

### 5. Kyoko Declaration (2021)

- Reaffirmed global commitment to crime prevention, criminal justice reform, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



As delegates of the second edition Hindustan International School Global Conclave, you are responsible for representing your country, doing proper research on the above topics. This session presents you with the opportunity to showcase your debating abilities, diplomacy, critical and analytical skills and the ability to collaborate with other delegates

Good luck delegates! May the best delegate win!

Regards,  
The UNODC Executive Board.