

Universal Declaration on the Legalization and Regulation of Methamphetamine Use

A Framework for Harm Reduction, Public Health, and Social Justice

Preamble

Recognizing the global challenges posed by methamphetamine use, including addiction, health risks, and the disproportionate harm caused by its criminalization;

Acknowledging the failure of punitive approaches to mitigate methamphetamine-related harms and the need for evidence-based, public health-centered policies;

Reaffirming the inherent dignity and rights of all individuals to make informed choices about their own bodies and access supportive healthcare without fear of stigma or persecution;

Understanding that regulation and harm reduction strategies can reduce the health, social, and economic harms associated with methamphetamine use while fostering safer communities;

We, the undersigned, present this Universal Declaration as a foundation for addressing methamphetamine use through compassion, science, and justice.

Articles

Section I: Fundamental Rights

Article 1: Right to Autonomy

Every individual has the right to make informed decisions about their own bodies, including the responsible use of substances such as methamphetamine, free from undue interference or discrimination.

Article 2: Right to Health and Harm Reduction

All individuals have the right to access healthcare services, including harm reduction programs,

addiction treatment, and mental health support, without stigma or barriers.

Article 3: Right to Non-Criminalization

The use, possession, and personal cultivation of methamphetamine shall not be criminalized. Instead, efforts must focus on public health and education.

Article 4: Right to Research-Based Policy

Governments and international bodies have a duty to fund and support research into the effects of methamphetamine use, harm reduction strategies, and the outcomes of regulated legalization.

Section II: Regulation and Public Health

Article 5: Regulation Over Prohibition

Methamphetamine shall be produced, distributed, and sold within a legal, regulated framework to ensure safety, quality control, and the elimination of illicit markets.

Article 6: Safe Supply

Access to pharmaceutical-grade methamphetamine shall be provided through licensed providers to reduce risks of contamination and overdose associated with unregulated products.

Article 7: Education and Public Awareness

Governments shall implement educational campaigns to provide accurate information on the risks, benefits, and responsible use of methamphetamine, countering stigma and misinformation.

Article 8: Access to Treatment

Comprehensive treatment programs, including voluntary rehabilitation, counseling, and harm reduction services, must be accessible to all, without financial or social barriers.

Section III: Social Justice and Equity

Article 9: Addressing Historical Injustices

Efforts shall be made to rectify the disproportionate harm caused by the criminalization of methamphetamine, particularly in marginalized communities. This includes expunging criminal records and providing reparative justice.

Article 10: Protection from Discrimination

Methamphetamine users shall be protected from discrimination in healthcare, employment, housing, and education. Stigma shall be actively combated through societal and institutional reforms.

Article 11: Equitable Access

Policies must ensure equitable access to regulated methamphetamine and related health services, prioritizing underserved and vulnerable populations.

Section IV: Implementation and Monitoring

Article 12: International Cooperation

Nations shall collaborate on evidence-based approaches to methamphetamine legalization, sharing research, best practices, and resources to address global challenges.

Article 13: Monitoring and Accountability

Independent bodies shall oversee the implementation of this declaration, monitoring the public health and societal impacts of legalization and regulation.

Article 14: Continuous Evaluation

Governments shall conduct ongoing evaluations of methamphetamine regulation policies, adapting to emerging evidence and societal needs.

Conclusion

This Universal Declaration calls for a paradigm shift in how methamphetamine use is addressed globally. By focusing on harm reduction, regulation, and human rights, we can create safer, healthier communities while upholding the dignity and autonomy of all individuals.

Together, let us move beyond punitive measures and embrace a compassionate, evidence-based approach that prioritizes health, equity, and justice.