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Dear Committee,

Endeavour Forum Inc. is a pro-life, pro-family NGO which has special consultative status with the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations.

We wish to make the following points:

1. The impact of illicit drug use on families and the community is devastating. One has only to open any newspaper any day and see the impact of illicit drug use in burglary, road accidents, mental illness and crimes of all kinds including assault and murders.
2. The failure of state governments to enforce laws against illicit drug use is a major contributing factor to the increased incidence of such usage. Many people, especially young people and students, assume that what the government and police allow is morally and socially acceptable. They see the strong campaigns against smoking tobacco products but nothing against marijuana, ecstasy, "ice", metaamphetamines etc. Smoking cigarettes is disallowed at public venues, but not the use of "ice"!
3. "Harm minimisation" policies are a disaster. Harm prevention should be the standard.
4. Australia does not have to re-invent the wheel. The policies adopted by Sweden give us a working model for policies here. Laws against illicit drug use, manufacture, trading, dealing and distribution should be strictly enforced and those involved should have compulsory rehabilitation for their addictions.
5. Papers on Swedish policies are available from the Swedish embassy and from [www.UN.doc.org](http://www.UN.doc.org). Evidence that Swedish policies do work is apparent from the far lower incidence of illicit drug use in Sweden, with consequent benefits to families and society.
6. We would be happy to make a verbal presentation to the Committee if it is your intention to hold public hearings.

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