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**VENEZUELA
and
JAMAICA**

**Agreement on the prevention, control and suppression of
the illicit trafficking in and use of narcotic drugs and
psychotropic substances. Signed at Caracas on 2 Sep-
tember 1992**

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**Accord relatif à la prévention, au contrôle et à la répression
du trafic et de la consommation illicites de stupéfiants et
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AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA ON THE PREVENTION, CONTROL AND SUPPRESSION OF THE ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN AND USE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES

The Government of Republic of Venezuela and the Government of the Jamaica (the Contracting Parties),

Fully aware that the illegal cultivation, production, manufacture, processing and trading of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as well as the organization, promotion and financing of activities related to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and their raw materials, constitute a threat to the security and defence of States, undermine their economies and endanger the health of their peoples, to the detriment of their social and economic development;

Mindful of the fact that the problems of the illicit trafficking in and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances transcend their national borders;

Convinced that both countries ought to adopt additional measures to facilitate the fulfilment of their obligations under the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs,² the 1972 Protocol³ amending that Convention and the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances,⁴ which would constitute effective and operational instruments for cooperation in the fight against the illicit trafficking in and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities;

Considering the need to establish rigorous control over the production, distribution and trading of precursor chemicals used in the manufacture and processing of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

Desirous of establishing a mechanism for direct communication between the competent authorities of the two States for exchange of information on the supply of and demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Agree as follows:

¹ Came into force on 2 July 1993, the date on which the Parties notified each other of the completion of the constitutional or legal requirements and procedures, in accordance with article XVII (1).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, p. 151; vol. 557, p. 280 (corrigendum to vol. 520); vol. 570, p. 346 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic Russian text), and vol. 590, p. 325 (procès-verbal of rectification of the authentic Spanish text).

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 976, p. 3.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, p. 175.

ARTICLE I

"Narcotic drugs" means any of the substances in Schedules I and II, whether natural or synthetic, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961.

"Psychotropic substances" means any substance, natural or synthetic or any natural material in Schedule I, II, III or IV of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances.

ARTICLE II

1.- The Contracting Parties shall fulfill their obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the principles of self-determination, non-intervention in internal affairs, sovereign equality, and respect for the territorial integrity of States.

2.- The Contracting Parties shall adopt the necessary measures in fulfillment of the obligations they have entered into under this Agreement, in conformity with the fundamental provisions of their respective constitutional, legal and administrative systems.

ARTICLE III

The Contracting Parties agree to coordinate the efforts of their respective national authorities which have responsibility for matters relating to narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the formulation and implementation of programmes to prevent, control and suppress the cultivation, production, manufacture, processing and trading of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and the raw materials used in their manufacture.

ARTICLE IV

1.- The Contracting Parties shall publish and disseminate information designed to educate the public about the dangers inherent in the illegal cultivation, production, manufacture, processing, illicit trafficking in, trading and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

2.- The Contracting Parties shall adopt measures to discourage the publication, dissemination and promotion of material containing stimuli and messages which encourage illicit trafficking in and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

ARTICLE V

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate with each other in detecting, arresting and bringing to trial persons or groups suspected of being involved in the promotion, organization and financing of activities relating to the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and if they are found guilty, in punishing them.

ARTICLE VI

The Contracting Parties undertake to carry out rigorous measures of inspection and strict control over the production, importation, export, storage, distribution and sale of raw materials, including precursor and essential chemicals used in the manufacture and processing of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, taking into account quantities necessary for medical, scientific and legitimate commercial purposes.

ARTICLE VII

The Contracting Parties shall establish a mechanism for the exchange of information on the whereabouts of ships, aircraft and other means of conveyance suspected of illegal transportation of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances or precursor and essential chemicals so that the competent authorities in their respective states may adopt measures to prevent their transport.

ARTICLE VIII

The Contracting Parties undertake to seize and confiscate, in accordance with their national legislation air, land or maritime carriers used in the illicit trafficking of, including distribution, storage and transportation of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, precursor and essential chemicals used in their processing.

ARTICLE IX

1.- The Contracting Parties shall, to the extent permitted by their national laws, adopt measures for locating, seizing and securing those assets derived from the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as well as their raw materials including the precursor and essential chemicals used in the processing or manufacture of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances.