

# KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE



## **PREAMBLE:**

We, the delegates to the THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (N.G.O.) ON DRUG ABUSE IN KUALA LUMPUR from 2nd to 6th November 1981, gravely concerned over all aspect of drug abuse, its hazards and problems, and dedicated in our efforts to respond positively to complement and reinforce needed

## **Government activities:**

ACKNOWLEDGE AND REAFFIRM the philosophy and spirit of the need for NGOs to work closely at both the regional and international levels, HEREBY endorse the resolution, made at the 1st Conference of NGOs in Jakarta 1979 and subsequently in Manila 1980, to form a FEDERATION OF NGOs AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

**RECOGNIZE** drug abuse as the major and increasing menace which transcends age, geographical, political, cultural and religious boundaries, and that it is imperative for NGOs and the public to respond emphatically to eradicate this scourge.

**MINDFUL** of the national, political and socio-economic considerations and of the need for NGOs to receive governmental support, we recognize and share the following concerns:

- That the security and the stability of the region are pre-conditions for national development and in this regard, note with grave concern the serious and dangerous implications that an unchecked drug problem has on socio-economic and political stability, nationally, regionally and internationally.
- That human resources are the most valuable assets of any community and that the increasing widespread multiple abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, particularly amongst the youth, threatens not only the development but also the social fabric, the stability and national security of the respective countries.
- That increased emphasis be placed on more effective preventive measures to control drug abuse and its hazardous consequences at national, regional and international levels

**RECOGNIZE** that NGOs have an important role to play in assisting their respective governments in the implementation of the provisions of the international treaties, that of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961 (as amended by the Protocol of 1972) and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances 1971 as well as all existing national drug legislation.

**ACKNOWLEDGE AND REAFFIRM** the need for NGOs to work closely with UNDND, other UN Bodies and specialized agencies, (e.g. WHO) the Colombo Plan Bureau, national, regional and international law enforcement agencies in order to achieve A DRUG FREE SOCIETY.

**REITERATE** the need for increasing co-ordination and co-operation in this area in order to facilitate the exchange of information and to enable each organization to institute methods, ways and means of carrying out the most effective measures in the global combat against drug abuse.

**OBJECTIVES:**

In view of the concerns as expressed in the preamble and recognizing the need to deal with them effectively, this conference therefore addresses itself to the following objectives:

1. THE ATTAINMENT of a concerted, harmonious and fruitful relationship among all non-governmental organizations regionally and internationally, in pursuing activities needed to prevent and control drug abuse and thus consolidate even more efforts to achieve a DRUG-FREE SOCIETY"
2. THE ATTAINMENT of a common mechanism for the collection and collation of data and information; for the rapid dissemination of such data and information to members as well as for seeking and obtaining the resources needed to achieve the common objectives and purposes of NGOs.
3. THE ATTAINMENT of maximum use of limited resources and funds among NGOs.
4. THE ATTAINMENT of harmonious and concerted action among member-nations and peoples in all aspects of their pursuit and endeavors within the intents and purposes of this declaration.
5. WE THEREFORE RE-AFFIRM the intent of the Resolution of JAKARTA (1979) and of MANILA (1980) and endorse fully the establishment of a FEDERATION OF NGOs AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

**COMMITMENT:**

We, the Delegates of this, the Third International Conference of NGOs on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control, in our various capacities as representatives of our respective NGOs:

1. Australia - AFADD (Australian Foundation on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies)
2. Hong Kong - SARDA (Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers)
3. Indonesia - BERSAMA (Badan Kerjasama Sosial Bina Wargatama)
4. Malaysia - PEMADAM (National Association Against Dadah Use Malaysia)
5. Nepal - Social Service Centre, Kathmandu, Nepal
6. Philippines - Philippines Council of Non-Government Organizations
7. Singapore - SANA (Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association)
8. Sri Lanka - Narcotics Advisory Board and Sri Lanka National Association on Alcohol and Drug Dependence, Sri Lanka.
9. Thailand - CSWT (Council on Social Welfare of Thailand)

**WE HEREBY AGREE TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERATION OF NGOs AS AGREED UPON IN THE FIRST CONFERENCE OF NGOs IN JAKARTA, IN 1979, SECOND CONFERENCE IN MANILA, IN 1980 AND THE THIRD CONFERENCE IN KUALA LUMPUR, IN 1981.**