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Mr. António Manuel de Oliveira Guterres
Secretary-General of the United Nations.
c/o UN/UNDP Office in Brussels

Subject: your courageous video-address to the 61st session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

Dear Mr. de Oliveira Guterres,

It is with immense pleasure that the Drugs Peace Institute has the honor to congratulate you with your courageous video message of March 12, 2018 to the 61st session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, based on what you view as the consensus reached at the 2016 UNGASS.

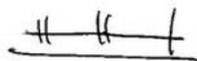
“Current efforts have fallen short of the goal to eliminate the illicit drugs market,” you said and “We can promote efforts to stop organized crime while protecting human rights, enabling development and ensuring rights-based treatment and support. I am particularly proud of the results of the reforms I introduced in Portugal when I was prime minister almost 20 years ago.”

We are reassured to hear in your own words that you keep the fate of the drug users of the world in your thoughts when you look forward to promoting world development.

In light of the hardening of the viewpoints of the advocates of the zero tolerance policy, it is of great significance for users of consciousness-altering substances worldwide that the head of the UN Organization, responsible for the implementation of drug policy, perceives a consensus for policy change aimed at decriminalization and respect for human rights.

The Drugs Peace Institute is grateful to rediscover an ally it will have the pleasure to cherish and support.

Sincerely yours,



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