

Dear Mr President, Ladies and Gentleman,

I salute you all as the Executive President of the International Police Organization IPO.

“I am here as part of the delegation of VNGOC, an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC, but the work I will present today is that of IPO, a multinational professional NGO which, through education and scientific work, aims to create theoretical and practical tools to serve as a bridge between the community and law enforcement by bringing together professional civilian and security structures to contribute together for a safer community, and a safer tomorrow.

It's a great privilege to present my opinion on the issues of **“the criminal misuse of information and communications technologies for illicit drug-related activities is increasing”**.

I decided to dedicate this short speech to the problem of the organised Crime under the ICT "Intelligent Communication Technologies".

The illicit drugs trade is evolving rapidly, with advances in chemistry creating a barrage of new psychoactive substances, while ICT provides the means by which buyers and sellers can communicate and coordinate their transactions with relative anonymity over long geographical distances.

The main problem of the digital era under ICT is that it extends traditional drug markets to virtual fields, creating communication channels through different platforms.

The ICT in the digital era helps the field work of manufacturers and distributors of illegal drugs operating in physical and virtual fields. Studies on virtual drug markets are rising, but largely because of their methodologies, they tend to ignore the off-world life of criminal actors engaging in them.

Exploiting the source of their data and analysis online, criminologists provide an unlimited picture of the impact of emerging technologies in the field.

ICT is conceived as a solution to the many problems of modern life that provides new means of social control for the state and influences urban development programs and government strategies, but in reality, emerging technologies are not perfect and have weaknesses that can be manipulated by criminal actors.

Moreover, for the criminologists there remains an unlimited picture of the impact of ICT on the digital era, especially in relation to the threats of organized crime, mainly the illegal drug markets and the damages associated with them.

ICT practically reconfigures and expands illicit drug markets, while providing knowledge on the functioning of drug markets in the future and this means more activity for organized crime and more work for Cyber Crime Experts.

Thank you all for your attention

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